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Deputy AG McNulty Resigns

Departure comes amid uproar over firing of U.S. attorneys

WASHINGTON | Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty said Monday he will resign, becoming the highest-ranking Bush administration casualty in the furor over the firing of U.S. attorneys.

McNulty, who has served 18 months as the Justice Department's second-in-command, announced his plans at a closed-door meeting of U.S. attorneys in San Antonio. He told them he would remain at the department until late summer or until the Senate

approves a successor, aides said.

He also sent a one-page letter of resignation to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, whose own job has been put in jeopardy by the firings and their aftermath. "The financial realities of college-age children and two decades of public service lead me to a long overdue transition in my career," McNulty said in the letter, not mentioning the firings.

Neither did Gonzales, in a responding statement praising McNulty as "a dynamic



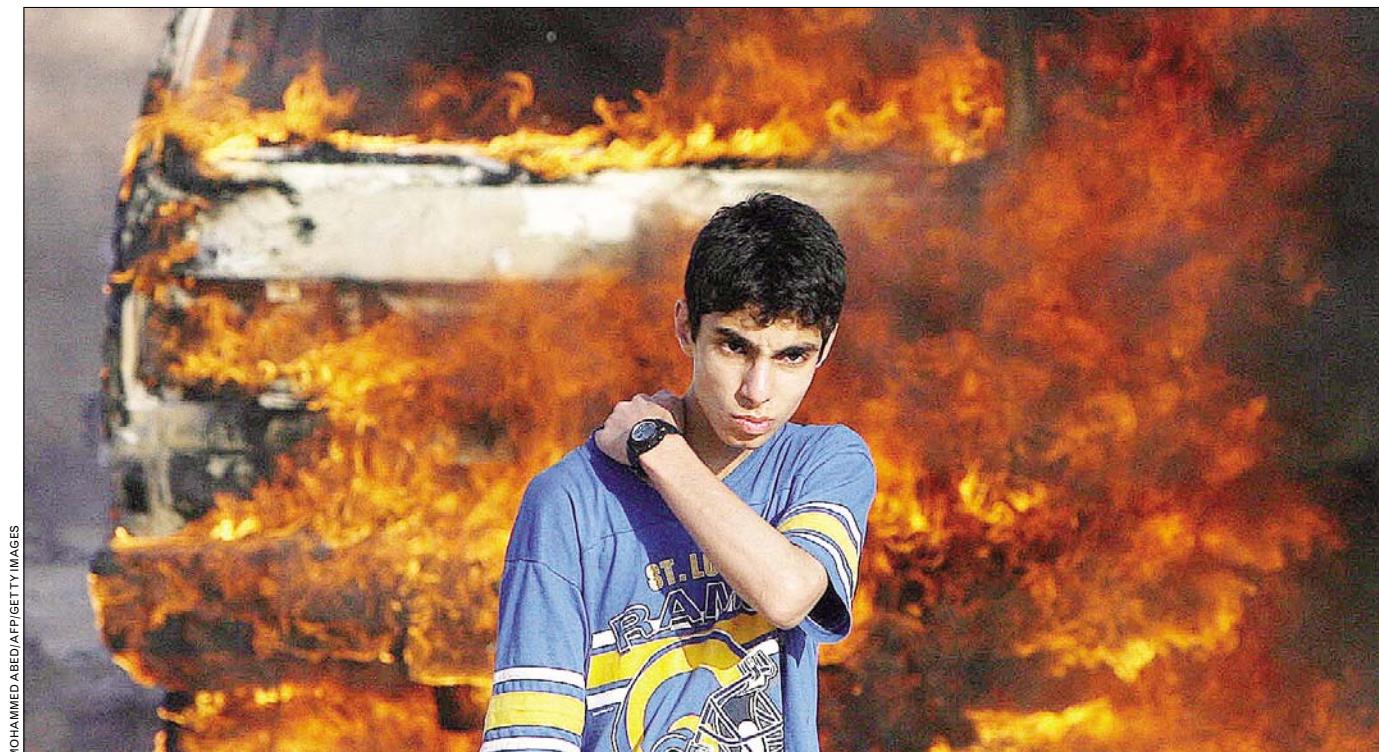
McNulty

and thoughtful leader."

McNulty has been considering leaving for months, and aides said he never intended to serve more than two years as deputy attorney general. But his ultimate decision to step down, the aides said, was

hastened by anger at being linked to the prosecutors' purge that Congress is investigating to determine whether eight U.S. attorneys were fired for political reasons. (AP)

Palestinian Minister Quits as Clashes Rage



STREET BATTLES: A Palestinian youth stands in front of a burning vehicle Monday during clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Gaza City. Four people were killed on the second day of street fighting, causing frustrated Interior Minister Hani Kawasmeh to quit. • **Truce:** Government seeks stability | Page 9

GROSS | **Unsweetened Tea** A Wyoming County man who says he found a condom in his iced tea glass last Mother's Day and lives in fear that he contracted a disease from it is suing the Shoney's in Logan, W.Va., and its operating company. The lawsuit filed



Thursday on behalf of James and Selena Bledsoe says that upon discovering the condom, James Bledsoe "immediately became horribly ill, dry heaving and nearly vomiting at the table. He then ran for the nearest rest room to vomit." (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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NAMES

Mr. Grassweed Next Door Starts to Worry

Deputies in Hudson, Fla., have shut down a marijuana grow house, seizing 94 pot plants and arresting the resident, 31-year-old Jason Robert Stoner, WTSP in Tampa reported. Police said Stoner admitted to cultivating marijuana in his home—beginning last January. The plants ranged from 3 to 4 feet tall. Deputies also found and confiscated grow lights, fans and rolling papers. Stoner, a self-employed handyman, was released on \$3,500 bail. (EXPRESS)

CRIMINALS

He'd Be Clever If He Weren't So Dumb

A bumbling intruder broke into an empty New Zealand police station and accidentally locked himself in a cell, but managed to smash his way out again just before authorities arrived.

Sgt. Graham McGurk said the person broke into the station Saturday night and was accidentally locked in when a self-closing door clicked shut. As police responded to the intruder alarm, the intruder used a chair inside the cell to smash through a window—supposedly outfitted with shatter-proof glass—to freedom. (AP)

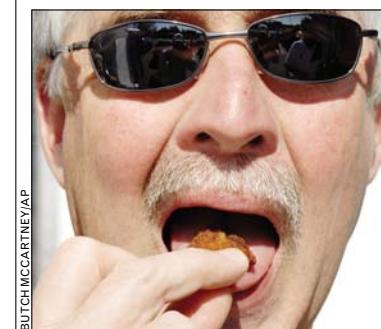


CONTESTS

Paper Football Next

Who said elementary school games don't pay off? More than 300 regional finalists — all presumably over 8 years old — competed in last weekend's Bud Light Rock Paper Scissors Championship tournament in Las Vegas. As you will recall, paper covers rock, rock crushes scissors and scissors cut paper (as seen above as referee Phil Gordon monitors the match). Jaime Langridge, 30, of Odessa, Texas, took home \$50,000 for winning the two-day event. (AP)

BUTCH MCCARTNEY/AP



If no one told you, you'd just think it was fried okra. Or a really strange tempura.

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A Dubious Delicacy

Wisconsinites have deep-fried cheese curds, candy bars and Twinkies. They now have deep-fried livestock testicles, too. More than 300 people paid \$5 for all-you-can-eat goat, lamb and bull testicles Saturday at the ninth annual Testicle Festival at Mama's Place Bar and Grill in the town of Elderon. "Once you get over the mental [aspect] of what you're eating, it's just like eating any other food, and it tastes good," Buster Hoffman said. (AP)



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Nation**In Brief**

The cruise ship Empress of the North heads back to port in Juneau, Alaska.

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Cruise Ship Runs Aground, Forcing Quick Evacuation

A riverboat-style cruise ship ran aground off the Alaska coast early Monday, forcing an evacuation of more than 200 passengers before it could move again with a Coast Guard escort. All passengers were evacuated from the Empress of the North by 7 a.m. and returned to Juneau aboard a ferry. There were no reports of injuries. It wasn't immediately clear why the ship ran around, Petty Officer Christopher D. McLaughlin said. (AP)

FRESNO, CALIF.

Student Pleads Not Guilty In Shooting Over PlayStation

A college freshman accused of fatally shooting an acquaintance and wounding two others over a PlayStation console pleaded not guilty Monday to charges of murder and attempted murder. Authorities say Jonquel Brooks shot Fresno City College student Brant Daniels, 19, May 7 during a dispute over the console in an apartment complex. (AP)

Military Blocks YouTube, MySpace

Pentagon cuts access to popular Web sites on department's network

WASHINGTON | Lt. Daniel Zimmerman, an infantry platoon leader in Iraq, writes blog posts on the Internet every now and then "to basically keep my friends and family up to date" back home.

It just got tougher for Zimmerman and a lot of other U.S. soldiers to do that. No more using the military's computer system to socialize

THE BANNED SITES

- Video-sharing sites YouTube, Metacafe, iFilm, StupidVideos and FileCabi
- Social networking sites MySpace, BlackPlanet and Hi5.
- Music sites Pandora, MTV, 1.fm and live365
- Photo-sharing site Photobucket
- The ban does not prevent soldiers from sending messages and photos in e-mails.

and trade videos on MySpace, YouTube and more than a dozen other Web sites, the Pentagon says.

Citing security concerns and technological limits, the Pentagon has cut off access to those sites for personnel using the Defense Department's computer network. The change limits use of the popular outlets for service members on the front lines.

The Internet use has become a troublesome issue for the military as it struggles to balance security concerns with privacy rights. As

blogs and video-sharing become more common, the military has voiced increasing concern about service members revealing details about military operations.

At the same time, service members have used the sites to chronicle their time in battle, posting videos and journals that provide a personal glimpse into their days at war.

"These actions were taken to enhance and increase network security and protect the use of the bandwidth," said Col. Gary Keck, a Pentagon spokesman. (AP)

ALBANY, N.Y. | CLINTON'S WAVE OF SUPPORT



TWO STEPS FORWARD: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., fourth from right, waves to supporters at the New York Capitol on Monday. New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and other leaders endorsed Clinton's presidential bid during a rally.

Senate to Vote On Ending Funds For Iraq Conflict

WASHINGTON | Senate Democrats are staging a dramatic anti-war vote this week, with moderates collaborating behind closed doors on legislation that could call on President Bush to rethink his war strategy.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., announced Monday that members will decide whether to cut off money for the Iraq war next year, as well as a softer proposal calling for troops to leave this fall. The two measures would be offered as amendments to a water projects funding bill.

The votes will probably fall short of the 60-vote threshold needed to advance legislation under Senate rules. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

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CARRY THAT WEIGHT: A cyclist in Madison, Wis., is alive and well after a delivery truck ran over his head. Ryan Lipscomb, 26, suffered only a concussion after flipping off his bike at an intersection in front of the oncoming truck. His helmet had visible tread marks and a cracked frame.

Gingrich Hinting at Presidential Bid

Republican says there is a 'great possibility' he will join the race

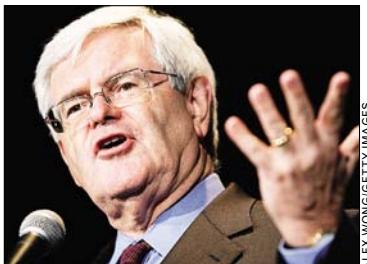
WASHINGTON | Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Monday there is a very good chance he'll get into the race for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination.

"I think right now that it is a

great possibility," Gingrich said. "I don't want to get into all this stuff. I want to focus on what we have to do to make America successful."

Gingrich said he plans to hold a workshop on solutions facing the country in September, after which he'll make a decision about whether to launch a presidential bid.

Gingrich left Congress after the 1998 elections.



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich may run for the Republican nomination.

When asked about former first lady and Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton's White House prospects, Gingrich was complimentary.

"I think she has a very good chance of winning. ... I think unless Republicans are as committed to very fundamental change in Washington that they will almost certainly lose the election." LIBBY QUAID (AP)

2 Bank Tellers Killed in Robbery

BESSEMER, ALA. | At least one gunman killed two bank tellers and wounded two others during a robbery in Alabama Monday morning, and deputies wounded a suspect who was walking out with a hostage, authorities said. FBI spokesman Paul Daymond said the four bank employees were shot around 9 a.m., when the Wachovia bank branch opens. (AP)

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Emissions on the Agenda

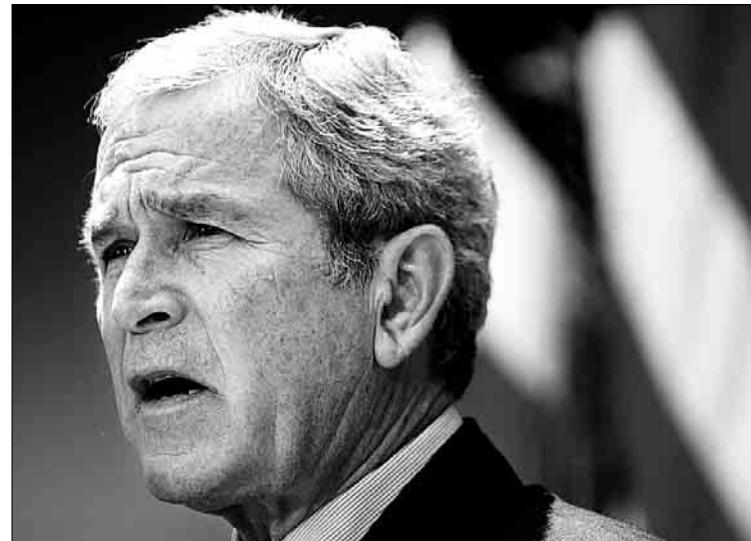
President Bush orders agencies to find way to limit car pollutants

WASHINGTON | President Bush responded Monday to a Supreme Court ruling by ordering federal agencies to find a way to begin regulating vehicle emissions by the time he leaves office.

In a Rose Garden announcement, Bush said he wanted to move ahead, pending any separate legislative approaches. The new rules will "cut gasoline consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles," he said.

But the Bush executive order telling several agencies to finish the work by the end of 2008 also said they must take into account the views of the general public, the impact the new rules would have on safety, scientific knowledge, available technology and the cost.

"This is a complex legal and technical matter, and it's going to take



ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

President Bush speaks Monday at the White House about regulating automobile emissions. The president wants to find ways to limit emissions by the end of 2008.

time to fully resolve," he said.

Last month, the Supreme Court declared that greenhouse gases qualify as air pollutants under the Clean Air Act and thus can be regulated by the EPA.

White House press secretary Tony

Snow said Monday that the president's position has not changed.

"The question is: Do you try to set up a mandatory system or do you try to set up an innovation-based system? The president prefers innovation," Snow said. (AP)

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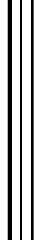
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World

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Militants Kill U.S. Soldier Amid Meeting in Border Area

Militants killed a U.S. soldier and a Pakistani on Monday after a meeting held in a Pakistani frontier town seeking to calm the worst clashes in years between Afghan and Pakistani troops policing a border crossed daily by Taliban and al-Qaeda insurgents. The attack at Teri Mangal produced a rare American casualty inside Pakistan, which is a U.S. ally in the fight against terrorist groups but has uneasy relations with Afghanistan on how to deal with insurgents. (AP)



More than 800 African migrants have been intercepted over the past five days.

MADRID, SPAIN

African Migrants Caught Attempting to Enter Europe

Nearly 400 African migrants were caught trying to enter Spain's Canary Islands by boat Monday, bringing to more than 800 the number intercepted over the past five days, the Interior Ministry said. Officials blamed the latest influx on the fact that the European Union's external borders agency Frontex has yet to resume its maritime vigilance of the area between the islands and the west coast of Africa. (AP)

TOKYO

New Steps Taken Toward Amending Pacifist Charter

Japan's parliament laid the groundwork Monday for amending the country's pacifist constitution, boosting Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's drive to give the armed forces a larger global role, but adding to critics' concerns about a resurgent Japanese militarism. The country's 1947 constitution was drafted by U.S. occupation officials after World War II, and it has never been amended. (AP)

Militants: Stop Hunt for U.S. Troops

Al-Qaeda group hints attack on soldiers was revenge for girl's rape

BAGHDAD | An al-Qaeda front group warned the U.S. on Monday to halt its expanding search for three missing American soldiers "if you want their safety." The Pentagon acknowledged for the first time it believes the servicemen are in terrorists' hands.

The statements came as thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops swept through farmhouses, fields and palm groves south of Baghdad in hopes of finding the soldiers — last seen before a pre-dawn attack Saturday in an area considered a stronghold of Sunni extremists. Four Americans and one Iraqi soldier were killed in the ambush.

For a third day, aircraft crisscrossed the skies over the farm area near Mahmudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad. Residents complained of random detentions as the hunt drew in more troops and brought taunting messages from the presumed captors.

In a Web posting, the Islamic State of Iraq, an insurgent alliance that includes al-Qaeda, demanded



UNDER PRESSURE: U.S. soldiers secure the scene of a car bomb explosion on Monday in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad.

that the Americans stop the search because it will "lead to nothing but exhaustion."

"Your soldiers are in our hands. If you want their safety, do not search for them," the statement said.

It also suggested that the weekend ambush was in revenge for the rape-murder of 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi by American soldiers in the area last year. Five sol-

Lacking in Lockup

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IN **The Washington Post**

diers have been charged in the case, and three have pleaded guilty.

"You should remember what

you have done to our sister Abeer in the same very area," the statement said.

In a statement Monday, chief U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said "at this time, we believe they were abducted by terrorists belonging to al-Qaeda or an affiliated group, and this assessment is based on highly credible intelligence information." KIM GABEL (AP)

Philippines Poll 'Relatively Peaceful'

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | National police chief Oscar Calderon declared Monday's midterm vote "relatively peaceful" despite eight more killings that brought the campaign season death toll to 121 in violence that has become a hallmark of elections in the Philippines.

Turnout was projected at three-quarters of registered voters. But

scattered reports of vote-buying and other fraud trickled in, and balloting was postponed in several districts — especially in the south, home to a restive Muslim minority.

A total of 121 people have been killed in election violence since campaigning began four months ago, compared with 189 in the 2004 vote. (AP)

HEARSAY | REACHING OUT TO RUSSIA



"It's time for intensive diplomacy. ... I don't throw around terms like 'new Cold War.' It is a big, complicated relationship."

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WHERE SHE WILL MEET WITH RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN

Pakistan's Musharraf Faces Intense Unrest

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Opposition to Pakistan's U.S.-allied president intensified Monday after weekend violence killed 41 in the nation's business capital, with a strike closing shops across the country and lawmakers denouncing Gen. Pervez Musharraf as "killer Musharraf."

The unrest dramatically raised the stakes for Musharraf, whose attempts to extend his nearly eight-year rule are being threatened by his suspension two months ago of the independent-minded Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry.

Opposition parties and many ordinary citizens blamed Musharraf and his political allies for

the bloodshed in Karachi on Saturday, when rival political groups staging rallies over a visit by the judge to the volatile city clashed in the streets. Security forces failed to intervene.

Gunmen, meanwhile, killed a senior administrator for the Supreme Court, Syed Hamid Raza, at his home in Islamabad before dawn. Police said they believed robbers were responsible, and the state news agency quoted the victim's father as saying the same.

The opposition strike call was observed in most of Pakistan's major cities, including Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta, but particularly Karachi. STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)

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World

Key Palestinian Minister Exits Post

Resignation is a blow to shaky coalition as street fighting kills 4

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | The top Palestinian security official quit in exasperation Monday after street battles killed four more people, including a truck driver delivering bread. The 2-month-old Hamas-Fatah unity government stood by helplessly as Gaza again descended toward chaos.

Residents frightened by two days of intense firefights holed up in their homes, leaving Gaza City's streets largely deserted.

Emerging after a late-night meeting of rival factions summoned by Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, government spokesman Ghazi Hamad announced that



DIVIDING LINES: Palestinian youths gather around a burned-out vehicle that was destroyed by Fatah militants at a Hamas training base in Gaza City on Monday.

a truce had been reached. But a similar accord the previous night collapsed in hours.

With eight dead and some 70 wounded in fighting Sunday and Monday, Interior Minister Hani Kawasmeh resigned and accused leaders on both sides of thwarting his efforts to halt the violence. His resignation was a new blow to the shaky coalition.

Gazans found the latest violence more ominous than the previous round, saying it signaled the failure of the power-sharing deal between Hamas and Fatah.

"Now they are starting from where they left off," said Jamal Abu Shabaan, 21, who witnessed a gunbattle outside his furniture store Sunday. "If they get to each others' throats, they won't let go this time." SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

BBC Reporter Loses Cool With Scientology Rep

LONDON | A 40-second rant by a British Broadcasting Corp. reporter, shouting angrily at a Church of Scientology official while researching a documentary has become a controversy now playing itself out in Web video clips on sites like YouTube.

John Sweeney's outburst came as he was interviewing Tommy Davis, a Scientology spokesman who had objected to Sweeney's use of the word "cult." Sweeney's rant was captured by BBC's Panorama program, to air Monday, and Scientology video cameras.

Panorama's editor, Sandy Smith, said Monday he was "disappointed" by Sweeney's outburst but added that the Church of Scientology has "no way of dealing with any kind of criticism at all." (AP)

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WASHINGTON METRO – A “Special Report” explodes what its author exposes as “The myth of slow home sales.” In fact, the Report explains, in clear and plain English, how a home owner who wants to sell can not only count on a sale within 120 days but can be guaranteed that the sale will occur.

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Money



DINING IN: The owner of Macy's department stores plans to test bistros, gourmet restaurants and Starbucks coffee shops at some stores in an effort to draw customers and keep them shopping longer. Tearooms and restaurants are making a comeback among retailers.

Cerberus to Buy Chrysler for \$7.4B

Automaker's workers fear new management will mean big job cuts

DETROIT | Chrysler's 80,000 workers may pay the price for German-based parent DaimlerChrysler's decision on Monday to turn over the keys of its U.S. car company to private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management for \$7.4 billion.

Talks begin soon between the United Auto Workers and Detroit's car makers about a national contract, and analysts expect Cerberus, headed by former Treasury Secretary John Snow, to push for radical changes at its money-losing Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge operations.

The announcement sent shudders through much of Chrysler's work force, despite assurances from Chrysler CEO Tom LaSorda that there are no major plans under discussion with Cerberus to cut jobs.

beyond a previously announced restructuring plan.

The sale of 80.1 percent of Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management LP unwinds the messy \$36 billion marriage in 1998 that was set up to create the ultimate global automotive powerhouse.

Instead, the maker of the Mercedes-Benz brand of cars found itself, like competitors Ford and General Motors, battered by rising pension and retiree health costs in the U.S. as Toyota and other Asian manufacturers won the hearts of U.S. consumers with what many view as more reliable, fuel-efficient models.

So anxious was DaimlerChrysler to end the trans-Atlantic tie-up that it could be on the hook to pay as much as \$650 million — in exchange for being absolved for \$19 billion in retiree health care costs that will be the responsibility of the new Chrysler owners. (AP)

8 States Seek Data From MySpace

RALEIGH, N.C. | Top law enforcement officers from eight states asked MySpace.com on Monday to turn over the names of registered sex offenders who use the social networking Web site.

In a letter, the attorneys gen-

eral asked MySpace to provide information about how many registered sex offenders are using the site and where they live. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper signed the letter, along with attorneys general from Con-

nnecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In a statement, Cooper's office said media outlets in 2006 "reported almost 100 criminal incidents across the country involving adults who used MySpace to prey or attempt to prey on children." (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ViasysHlth	43.18	+11.63	+36.9
Primedia	2.82	+.33	+13.3
RepProp	12.22	+1.21	+11.0
Cellcom n	23.70	+2.20	+10.2
StoneEney	34.85	+2.11	+6.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MylanLab	19.70	-2.70	-12.1
TerraNitro	85.66	-10.09	-10.5
BldrG&Fd	10.78	-1.12	-9.4
Kubota	40.89	-4.16	-9.2
MasseyEn	27.60	-2.73	-9.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.27	5.23
3-month disc	4.73	4.76
2-year	4.71	4.66
10-year	4.68	4.63
30-year	4.86	4.79

NASDAQ Stock Market

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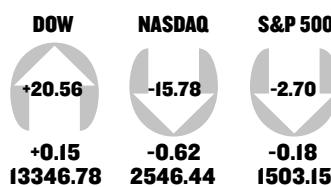
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Kreisler	22.67	-4.34	-16.1
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Harisha	12.05	-1.61	-11.8
CoastFin	4.40	-.53	-10.8

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5055	.5044	.5282
Canadian Dollar	1.1072	1.1123	1.1093
European Euro	.7385	.7392	.7744
Japanese Yen	120.29	120.13	110.03
Mexican Peso	10.8042	10.8093	11.0660
Taiwanese Dollar	33.42	33.40	31.34



Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amgen	56.07	-.23	-17.9
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Celgene	64.63	+.43	+12.3
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GenProbe	51.15	-.81	-2.3
Genentech	80.00	-.14	-1.4
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GileadSci	81.70	-.44	+25.8
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O'Malley Weighs Using First Veto On Parole Bill

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Martin O'Malley, considering the first veto of his administration, said Monday he was "leaning away" from signing a bill to allow twice-convicted drug dealers the possibility of parole, instead of a mandatory minimum 10-year prison sentence.

Bill supporters have argued the measure would enable people to get out of prison and into drug treatment programs, which aren't widely available in prison.

But O'Malley, who said he hasn't decided yet whether he will veto the measure, said he had doubts the bill would create better options for drug treatment, which he supports.

Rick Abbruzzese, an O'Malley spokesman, said a decision likely would be made this week on the bill. The measure was a contentious one in the General Assembly. It initially failed in the House by one vote, but supporters were able to bring the measure back to be reconsidered, passing it 78-59. (AP)

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Mid-day Pick 4	5-5-0-0
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Match 5	6-11-18-27-28 Bonus: 31

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	8-2-9
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	5-6-4
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-1-7
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	7-9-7-2
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Md. Transportation Fund Lacking

O'Malley looks to find 'progressive' solutions to financial problems

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The state needs to find "progressive" means to pay for road projects as it attempts to shore up the Transportation Trust Fund, Gov. Martin O'Malley said Monday.

"The one thing that all of us know for sure is that the current level of investment in our transportation solutions is not enough

to protect our quality of life," O'Malley said.

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller had proposed raising the state's gas tax by 12 cents, a 50 percent increase, but the proposal didn't go anywhere during the legislative session. Others have talked about changes to the corporate income tax or a more progressive income tax.

O'Malley said he has not made up his mind about what would be the best way to raise money for transportation projects, but he

wants "something that's progressive and overall, rather than relying on jacking up everybody's driver's license fee or registration fee as we did in the past."

As far as a possible tax increase goes, the governor said he is "for the one that's fiscally responsible, secures long-term investment in transportation and does so in a way that's

fair to working families and people on fixed incomes."

House Speaker Michael Busch said a vehicle titling tax would be a good option. While a vehicle registration tax or a gas tax would hit everyone who drives, a titling tax puts the burden on more affluent drivers who buy more expensive cars and trucks.

"You come up with a menu of options and you see what becomes the fairest and most logical and where you get the most support," Busch said. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

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Trial Begins for Mom Accused of Kidnapping

Del. woman charged with fleeing from D.C. with daughter in 1993

WASHINGTON | The trial of a Delaware woman charged with parental kidnapping in the District of Columbia is set to begin Tuesday.

Mary Jane Byrd is accused of fleeing with her daughter, Marilyn, in 1993 days after a court ordered that the child's father be allowed

visitation privileges. Marilyn was 4 at the time of her alleged disappearance.

She was found last year in an apartment in Wilmington, Del., where she lived with her mother and grandmother. She is now 18 years old.

If Byrd is convicted of parental kidnapping, she could face up to one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. The Byrd case was the oldest missing child case in the District. (AP)

NO LONGER OVERLOOKED: D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, left, councilman David Catania, center, and General Counsel to the Mayor Peter Nickles announce a plan to reform St. Elizabeths, the city's largest public psychiatric hospital.

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Juror Concerned About Navy Case

WASHINGTON | A juror on a panel that convicted a Naval Academy midshipman of sexual assault and sentenced him to two years in prison has "concerns" about the way deliberations were conducted, an attorney for the midshipman said Monday.

A hearing was scheduled for Tuesday at the Washington Navy Yard to discuss the juror, a mem-

ber of the panel of seven Marine and Navy officers that in April convicted Kenny Ray Morrison of sexually assaulting a fellow midshipman in 2006.

Morrison's attorney, William Ferris, said the juror "is very concerned about what other people did" during deliberations. Ferris also said the revelation "can do nothing but help my case." (AP)

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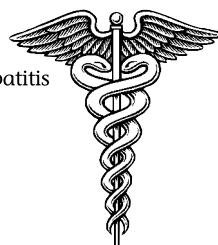
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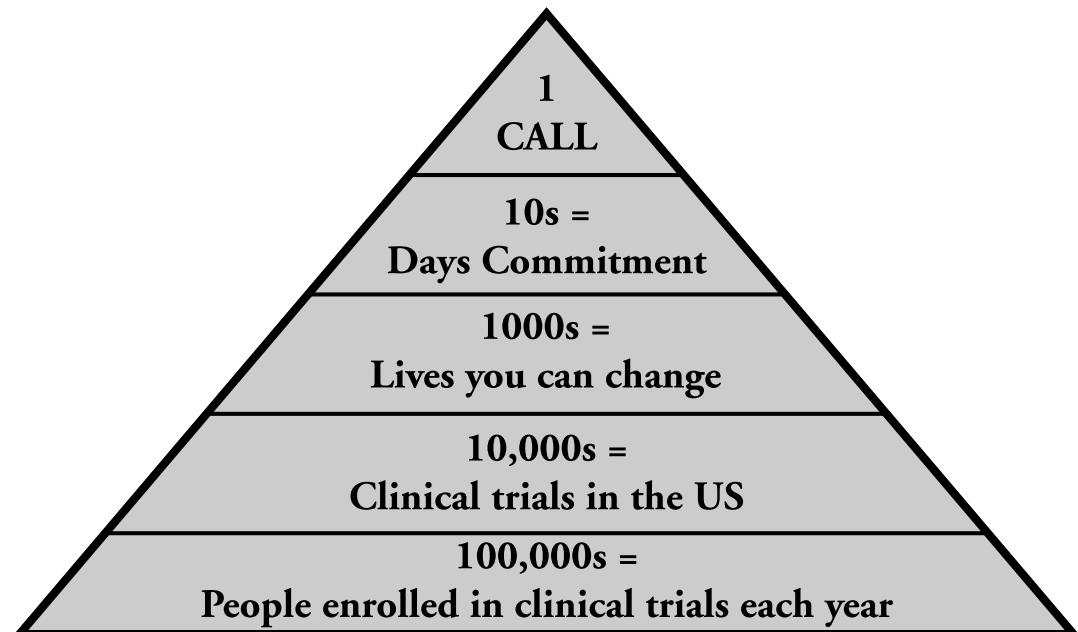
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FOOTBALL | BY MATT SWENSON

Athletes, Stop Forcing Trades

BRETT FAVRE IS MAD that Randy Moss isn't going to wear a Packers uniform. Boo hoo.

So angry is the future Hall of Fame quarterback that Fox Sports reports that Mr. Green Bay demanded a trade out of the cheese state before coach Mike McCarthy talked him into staying.

It's a story of little consequence, since Favre isn't going to be traded and Moss will be with the Patriots until he's completely over the hill.

Of note, though, is that even an athlete of Favre's stature in his organization now feels it's OK to demand a trade — assuming Fox's report has merit (Favre has denied it).

Trying to force a trade is a self-

No one is putting a gun to an athlete's head when he signs a long-term deal.

ish act that somehow has become accepted in today's culture. The players keep doing it because, obviously, they can get away with it.

But can we just point out that no one is putting a gun to an athlete's heads when he signs a long-term contract for big bucks? If you agree to play for an organization for several years, the team probably isn't always going to be good.

If a player wants the freedom to join a competitive team — which seems to be the case for Favre, but is typically just a front for wanting more money — he should sign a one- or two-year contract instead.

But athletes will never do that, because one bad year means a bad contract the next season.

Maybe someday sports stars will have to live with the decisions they've made.

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"I know what it takes and I don't want anybody interfering with my preparation and with my tournaments" — **Roger Federer**, who fired his coach after four straight tournaments without a title and said he wouldn't hire another coach until after Wimbledon.

Jazz Leave Bad Blood in Oakland

Retaliation takes a backseat to eliminating the Warriors at home

NBA PLAYOFFS | The Utah Jazz are more focused on finishing than retaliation.

Utah's 115-101 win over the Golden State Warriors on Sunday night turned ugly as the Jazz pulled away at the end. One flagrant foul and a collision between the two team leaders set up some tension for Tuesday's Game 5 in Utah.

But there is enough riding on the game that could put Utah in the Western Conference finals and end the Warriors' playoff run that neither team was dwelling on what happened Sunday at Golden State.

"The fans here in Salt Lake City, the fans in Oakland have seen great games, great competition," said Utah guard Derek Fisher, who crashed hard to the floor after running into Baron Davis well away from the ball late in the game Sunday. "There's no sense messing that up by doing things that are out of character."

At Monday's practice, Fisher had no visible marks or hard feelings against Davis, his former teammate in Golden State.

And any ill-will between Mehmet Okur and Jason Richardson, who



Teammates restrain Jason Richardson, second from right, after he fouled Mehmet Okur at the end of Sunday's Game 4.

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was kicked out of the game for clotheslining Okur to keep him from dunking, had also faded.

Utah leads the series 3-1 and can clinch it Tuesday at home, where the Jazz are 5-0 in the playoffs. So revenge won't be part of the game plan. Golden State, meanwhile, will be playing just to extend the series to Game 6 back in Oakland and

aren't likely to be losing their cool again with the season on the line.

"Utah knows we don't play like that. We respect the game," Golden State's Stephen Jackson said. "I think the league knows that J-Rich and Baron aren't dirty players. I think it's crazy that people are trying to blow these things out of proportion." **DOUG ALDEN (AP)**

Pistons Look to Finish Off the Bulls

Detroit missed chance for a sweep but doesn't expect to miss others

NBA PLAYOFFS | The Detroit Pistons intend to get this over without further delay. They want to beat the Bulls in Game 5 and advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the fifth straight year.

"No doubt, that's our intention — to try to close the series out," Chauncey Billups said Monday.

Detroit had a chance to end the series in Game 4, but the Bulls showed a lot of resolve against a team that usually doesn't waste time when it has a chance to eliminate an opponent.



Ben Gordon, left, and Richard Hamilton fight for a ball during Sunday's Game 5.

"We should have a nothing-to-lose attitude," Bulls forward P.J. Brown said. "The pressure's on them."

Ben Wallace disagreed, saying, "There isn't a whole lot of pressure on them. They're at home. I think

the pressure's still on us."

Brown's opinion was based on the predictions of a sweep after the Pistons took a 3-0 lead in the series.

"They didn't get the job done," he said. "We're still alive. We kept our season going. We've just got to go up there and play carefree basketball."

An NBA team has never won a best-of-seven series after trailing 3-0. In major sports, just the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs, 1975 New York Islanders and 2004 Boston Red Sox have done it.

"I think it's going to happen one day," Brown said. "It could be us. Somebody will be able to get over the hump one day." **LARRY LAGE (AP)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) Jerome Williams, who has been on the DL because of a sprained ankle, is expected to pitch on Tuesday against the Braves' Tim Hudson.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN2) Pitcher Daniel Cabrera gets the nod for the Orioles when they play the Blue Jays in Toronto.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON TNT) Detroit can eliminate Chicago and Utah can eliminate Golden State in NBA playoff action.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS (9 P.M. ON VERSUS) With the Western Conference final tied at 1-1, Detroit travels to Anaheim for Game 3.

SAILING (8:30 A.M. ON VERSUS) America's Cup semifinals continue in Valencia, Spain.

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A's Cust Is Making A Major Impact

Oakland's new power hitter returns to MLB with a 6-homer week

BASEBALL | Jack Cust had the reputation of a power hitter for almost a decade, impressing scouts with his ability to wait for his pitch and drive it over the fence with ease.

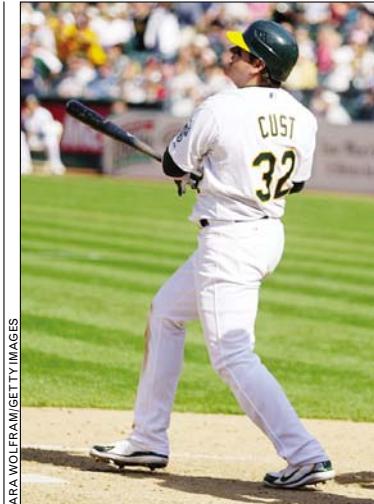
Unfortunately for Cust, 199 of his 204 professional home runs came in the minor leagues before he homered in his debut for the Oakland Athletics on May 6.

Cust didn't stop there. He hit two more last Thursday against Kansas City and then one in each game of a three-game series against Cleveland. A game-ending three-run homer Sunday gave Cust six homers in his first seven games with the A's. That's one more than he had hit in his first 70 major league games with four other teams.

But for those who have followed Cust's career, the power is no surprise from the former first-round pick of the Diamondbacks.

"I first heard of Jack Cust in the Arizona Fall League, like, in 1999," A's outfielder Milton Bradley said. "Everything I heard about him was that he just hits bombs."

Cust entered Monday night's game against Kansas City 9-for-26



Jack Cust watches as his walk-off homer clears the fence on Sunday.

with six homers, a double and six walks. Oakland had acquired him this month in a little-publicized deal with San Diego for a player to be named or cash.

Cust's performance is not going unnoticed now that he's off to the best power start of any player in Oakland history. Don Mincher was the previous fastest player to six homers in Oakland, doing it in 47 at-bats in 1970.

"It's baseball," he said. "You just don't hit .500 or .600 or whatever. It all evens out. I'm just happy to ride it out as long as I can." (AP)

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EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Boston	25	11	.694	—	II-5 14-6
Baltimore	18	20	.474	8.0	I2-8 6-12
N.Y. Yankees	17	19	.472	8.0	IO-9 7-10
Toronto	15	22	.405	10.5	9-II 6-II
Tampa Bay	15	22	.405	10.5	8-9 6-13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Detroit	23	13	.639	—	IO-7 13-6
Cleveland	21	14	.600	1.5	II-3 10-II
Chicago	18	16	.529	4.0	7-8 II-8
Minnesota	18	19	.486	5.5	IO-13 8-6
Kansas City	12	26	.316	12.0	7-14 5-12

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
L.A. Dodgers	23	15	.605	—	II-7 12-8
San Diego	20	18	.526	3.0	IO-7 IO-II
Seattle	17	16	.515	1.5	IO-7 7-9
Texas	15	22	.405	5.5	IO-9 5-13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Atlanta	24	13	.649	—	13-7 II-6
N.Y. Mets	23	13	.639	0.5	9-8 14-5
Philadelphia	17	20	.459	7.0	8-8 9-II
Florida	16	21	.432	8.0	IO-II 6-10
Washington	12	25	.324	12.0	7-10 5-15

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Milwaukee	25	12	.676	—	16-5 9-7
Houston	18	19	.486	7.0	8-9 10-10
Chicago	17	18	.486	7.0	8-II 9-7
Pittsburgh	16	20	.444	8.5	6-10 10-10
St. Louis	15	20	.429	9.0	7-II 8-9
Cincinnati	15	23	.395	10.5	8-12 7-II

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
L.A. Dodgers	23	15	.605	—	II-7 12-8
San Diego	20	18	.526	3.0	IO-7 IO-II
Seattle	17	16	.515	1.5	IO-7 7-9
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Floyd Landis could face a two-year cycling suspension if he loses his hearing.

Landis' Hearing Begins

Cyclist could lose his Tour title and faces a possible suspension

CYCLING | Floyd Landis began defense of his Tour de France title Monday, saying he was confident he'll retain his title if the arbitrators rule fairly and "on the facts."

"Make no mistake about it," Maurice Suh, Landis' lead attorney, said in his opening statement, "this case is an utter disaster."

The disaster, Suh said, is the way the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has gone about prosecuting the case, which could result in a two-year suspension for Landis and make him the first cyclist in the 104-year history of the Tour de France to be stripped of his title.

Richard Young, the lead attorney presenting the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's case, said that despite the publicity, this was simply another in a long list of cases the USADA handles — one in which the cold, hard scientific data would prove an athlete had used synthetic testosterone.

"There's nothing unique about what the panel has to decide," Young said. "It's one of dozens of cases in which a high testosterone-to-epitestosterone ratio is confirmed by a carbon-isotope ratio test."

The hearing is expected to last through May 23. (AP)

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Sports

Harmon's Toughest Task

Golf's best instructor will try to get erratic Mickelson to No. 1

GOLF | They are the most famous family of golf instructors, and even better at giving each other the needle. So when Butch Harmon was voted the No. 1 golf coach, his younger brothers fired off a friendly dig.

Butch wasn't even the best teacher in the family; he just had the best students.

Greg Norman had more raw talent than anyone during the height of his powers. The other guy Harmon helped take to the top was Tiger Woods, a relationship that lasted nearly 10 years and included four consecutive majors, three straight U.S. Amateur titles and the career Grand Slam.

Harmon knows what he's doing. Even some of his fiercest rivals in golf instruction concede that.

But his next project — another bundle of ability — is the tallest order yet.

"Butch, the 1st of many," Phil



DAVID CANNON/GETTY IMAGES

LEFTY'S LESSON: Not usually a model of consistency, Phil Mickelson easily cruised to a two-stroke victory at the Players Championship at Sawgrass last weekend.

Mickelson wrote on the 18th flag after winning the Players Championship with precision rarely seen from such a swashbuckler.

Harmon was the center of attention Sunday afternoon as his latest student accepted the crystal trophy for beating the toughest field in golf. They have been working together only a month and already

are seeing results. Harmon put no limits on how much better Mickelson will get as they start preparing for the U.S. Open at Oakmont for now, and taking on Woods in the future.

"You've got to realize you're dealing with one of the most talented people that's ever played the game," Harmon said. DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

Kiwis, Italians Win 1st Race in Semis

SAILING | Emirates Team New Zealand and Italian boat Luna Rossa won tough races to open the Louis Vuitton Cup semifinals Monday.

The Kiwis, who finished on top of the round-robin standings, beat Desafio Espanol of Spain by 43 seconds,

while Luna Rossa defeated the American BMW Oracle Racing by 2:19.

"Windshifts were the name of the game today, that's for sure," BMW Oracle Racing navigator Peter Isler said. "We always thought we'd get one race with that tricky offshore breeze."

We just hope that it was that race."

The two winners of the best-of-nine match racing series will meet in the June 1-11 Louis Vuitton Cup final to decide which boat will race defending champion Alinghi in the America's Cup from June 23 to July 4.

PAUL LOGOTHETIS (AP)

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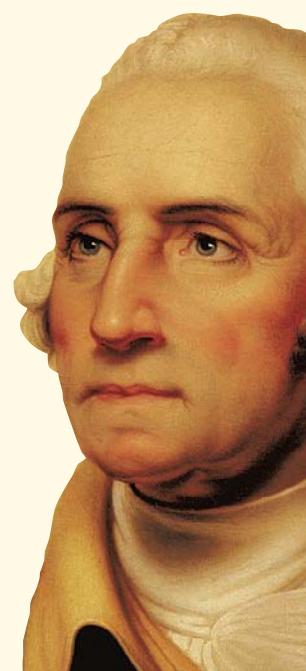
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PLUS, HIS OTHER MOVIES STINK: Madonna's husband, Guy Ritchie, can't escape the crime caper genre upon which he first made his name. This summer, the director of "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" and "Snatch" will begin shooting "RocknRolla," which he also wrote.

Alpha Comics Writer

Jonathan Lethem is turning his typewriter to tales of 'Omega'

BOOKS ARE BOOKS | Author Jonathan Lethem was a big fan of the comic "Omega the Unknown" when he was growing up in Brooklyn, and he was pretty depressed when the superhero vanished from corner store shelves.

Never fear. He'll see Omega in print again soon, because Marvel Entertainment is reviving the comic after 30 years — with Lethem writing the story.

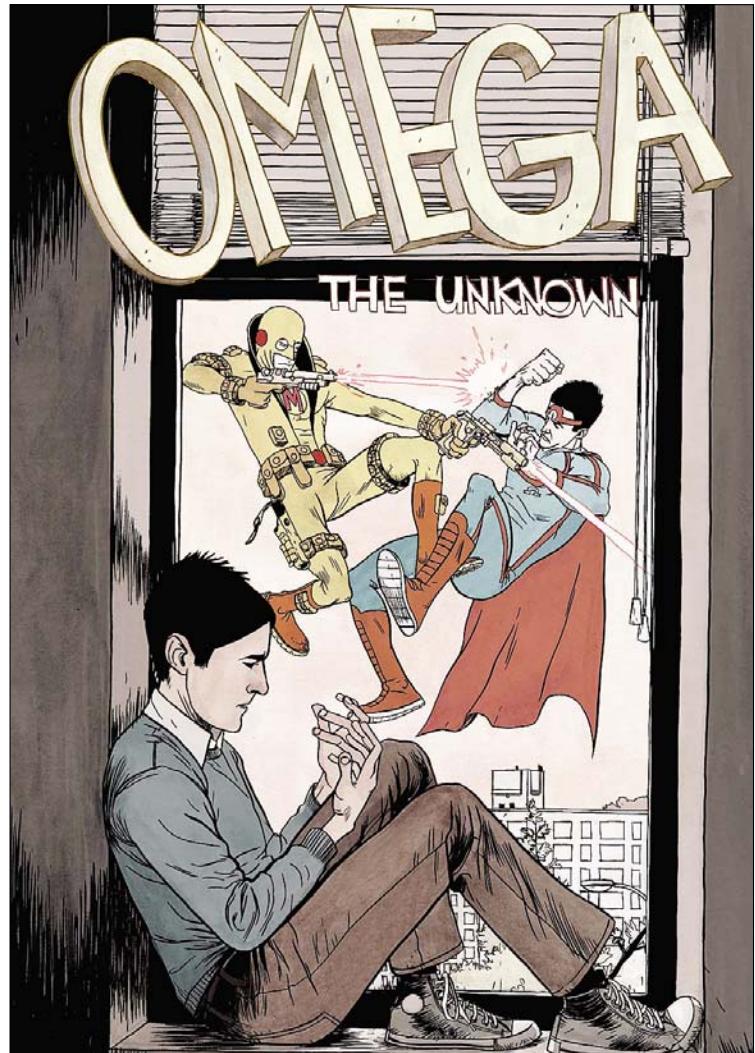


Lethem

"I was very devoted as a teenager to comic books," said Lethem, who recently finished a tour for his new novel, "You Don't Love Me Yet."

"I drifted to other kinds of reading, but I never lost interest in the medium."

Lethem joins a growing list of novelists such as Stephen King, Brad Meltzer, Greg Rucka and Michael Chabon, who have shifted to work on comic books as the medium gains critical and academic respect and becomes more mainstream.



TIGHTS & CAPES OPTIONAL: A mute superhero has a psychic connection with a 12-year-old boy with social phobias in the comic book series "Omega the Unknown."

Marvel contacted Lethem after he wrote the book "Fortress of Solitude," which had some comic book reverence, and asked whether he was interested in doing work in the medium, said Marvel publisher Dan Buckley.

"We wanted to see what he was interested in, and he brought it up immediately," Buckley said. "Bringing this kind of talent to the room is fantastic. He knows how to tell a story, and his perspective is different from traditional comic writers."

Omega's not your average swash-buckling superhero. He's mute, for starters, and has a sort of psychic connection with a 12-year-old boy named James-Michael Starling, who moved to New York City with his family from "the mountains" to improve socialization skills after years of home schooling. Trouble ensues, of course, and he meets Omega, the last surviving member of an unnamed alien race.

"It was an interesting challenge," Lethem said. "One of the things I concluded very quickly was that it's not a written form. My primary task was to provide amazing things for artists to draw."

The first six issues are in the can, and the series will have a total of 10, like the original, which debuted in 1976. No official release date has been given. COLLEEN LONG (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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GARLAND OF HOURS Sound of 'Serum'

1 Cellist Amy Domingues—sidewoman to the D.C. stars — also leads her own fine ensemble, Garland of Hours. The group celebrates the release of its new CD, "The Soundest Serum," a nine-song collection of moody chamber pop. Singer-songwriter Benjy Ferree, with whom Domingues tours, opens.

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$8; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

DAVID BALDACCI Thriller 'Genius'



2 The new book from David Baldacci, "Simple Genius," features two clandestine institutions in Virginia separated by a river. One is a mysterious laboratory; the other a top secret CIA training camp. Can Secret Service agents Sean King and Michelle Maxwell battle their personal demons in time to thwart these nefarious organizations?

→ *S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 7 p.m., \$25; 202-357-3030. (Smithsonian)*

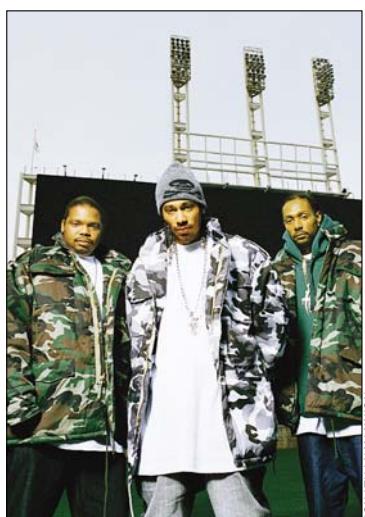
AZERBAIJANI MUGHAM Traditional Time

3 Mugham music is an improvised melodic form from Azerbaijan that is modal and free of meter. Instrumentalists Imamyar Hasanov, Rufat Hasanov and Pejman Hadadi will donate proceeds from this concert to benefit children living in refugee camps in Azerbaijan and the Azerbaijan Trade and Culture Center's concert fund.

→ *Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 7 p.m., \$30; 202-397-7328. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

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Staying Strong & Loyal

Bone Thugs are still harmonious even without 2 members

MUSIC | This is a Bone Thugs-n-Harmony reunion, but let's be clear: "Strength & Loyalty" isn't the full-scale, five-man get-together fans have been awaiting. That will probably occur next year, when Flesh-N-Bone is likely to be paroled and the unpredictable Bizzy Bone will change his mind for the millionth

time and rejoin the fold.

Meanwhile, although the group's signature speed raps suffer without Bizzy's haunting high harmony, the Thugs' collective ear for a hook remains undiminished. "Little L.O.V.E.," the all-star Ohio pairing with Bow Wow (as well as Mariah Carey), and the Akon team-up "I Tried" are sleek commercial hip-hop that make it seem like the group's five-year powder from a major label never occurred. Meanwhile, "Order My Steps (Dear Lord)" is a not-as-

unlikely-as-it-seems pairing with Yolanda Adams that emphasizes the gospel undertones that have always existed beneath the group's sing-song rhymes.

That there are more guest stars than ever before on a Bones outing is initially disconcerting, but probably necessary to pick up the slack for the absent members. And when they join Layzie, Krayzie and Wish and the group is at full strength, fans' loyalty might really be rewarded.

DAN LEROY (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

AND THEN THERE WERE THREE: Wish, Layzie & Krayzie remain talented Thugs.



ONE LAST GASP: With NBC moving away from comedy—it has no new sitcoms lined up for next year's schedule—it looked like "Scrubs" star Zach Braff had done his last sensitive voice-over. But NBC has renewed the show for a seventh season—though it will also be its last.



Entertainment

'Spider-Man's' Enemy

'Shrek the Third' is hulking up to take on the web-slinger

BOXING OFFICE | In "Spider-Man 3," Peter Parker's alter ego battles Sandman, Venom and his own inner demons.

But the superhero hasn't faced much of anybody at the box office yet. In a few days, however, the web-slinger may have to play second fiddle to the next big player in Hollywood's early summer season: a green ogre. "Shrek the Third," opening Friday at more than 4,000 theaters, looks sure to become the next king of the U.S. weekend box office.

If it becomes a monster hit, the computer-animated sequel could help lift the movie industry's domestic grosses this summer above \$4 billion for the first time ever. And it would also raise expectations for the third and final mega-sequel of the month, Memorial Day weekend's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End."

Executives at Paramount Pictures, distributor of the DreamWorks Animation slate, downplay any chance of "Shrek the Third" nearing the record opening-weekend gross of \$151 million that "Spider-Man 3" snared in the U.S. and Canada. But they expect a robust launch in the \$90 million to \$100 million range.



"Shrek"-branded industrial toenail files aren't out of the question for this cash cow.

"We always wish we had the month to ourselves, but there's room in the marketplace for all of these films," said Jim Tharp,

Paramount's president of domestic distribution.

The PG-rated "Shrek the Third" plays to a younger crowd than "Spi-

der Man 3" with a PG-13 rating. That could be both a help and a hindrance.

The PG rating may increase ticket sales for young children but at cheaper prices. "Spider-Man 3" got a jump start on opening weekend with midnight showings, but no late screenings are scheduled for "Shrek." Working in "Shrek's" favor, however, is the relatively brisk hour and a half running time, enabling exhibitors to squeeze in more screenings throughout the day.

The film won't even remotely approach the worldwide opening weekend record gross of \$382 million that "Spider-Man 3" snared from 107 countries. That's because Paramount is rolling it out more slowly outside North America to try to optimize holiday sales in each territory.

That strategy paid off for the first two "Shrek" films, which took in a combined \$1.4 billion worldwide.

JOSH FRIEDMAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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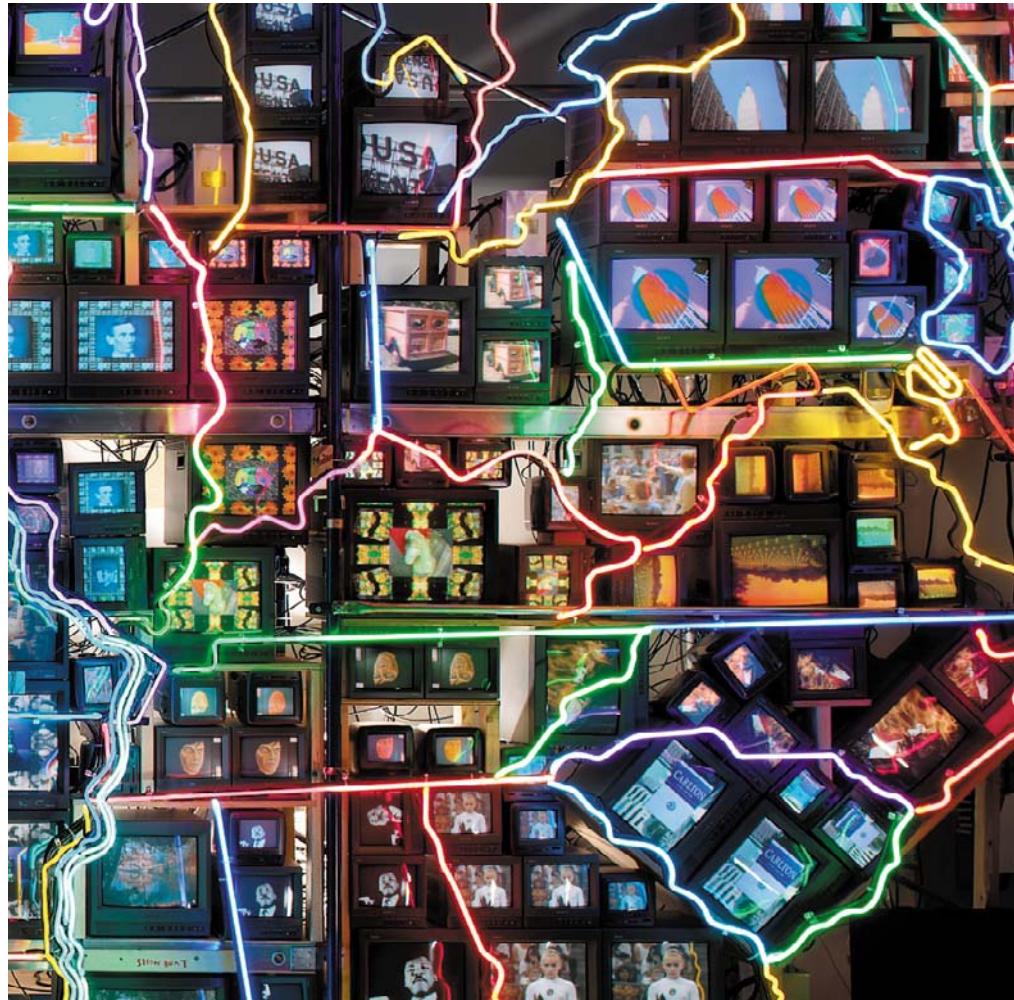
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HE'S TALKING LIKE A CRAZY CYLON: Last week at the Saturn Awards, "Battlestar Galactica" star Edward James Olmos said the next group of episodes will be the last ones for the Sci Fi Channel's most popular series. But "Battlestar" executive producer David Eick quickly refuted the claim.



Entertainment

Collectible Critters

New Pokemon games add diamonds and pearls to the franchise

VIDEO GAMES | The world of Pokemon just keeps getting bigger with "Pokemon Diamond" and "Pokemon Pearl" for the Nintendo DS. These new E-rated, \$34.99 video games introduce an entire new menagerie of collectable critters, improved graphics and multiplayer battles.

The changes in these kid-friendly titles are more like tweaks than overhauls, so expect more of the same Pokemon experience rather than entirely new games. That's a good thing for a franchise that continues to thrive more than a decade

after its introduction.

You play as a boy or girl Pokemon trainer who roams through fictional forests, towns, grasslands and caves on a quest to become a Pokemon master and defeat the evil Team Galactic. Collecting, trading and fighting rare Pokemon is the game's main allure. You'll constantly face other trainers, quest-givers and wild Pokemon to fight against to earn money and experience. You can also capture wild Pokemon in a Poke Ball and add them to your collection of up to six critters.

The turn-based battles use a rock/paper/scissors system, and it's addictive once your roster of Pokemon gains experience and grows in stature with new abilities.

The standoffs are about as non-violent as a fight can be. The losers don't die, they just faint.

There are more than 100 new Pokemons to collect in these two new games. The only difference between "Diamond" and "Pearl" is the selection of Pokemon you'll uncover.

The DS brings some welcome changes to the gameplay. Battles are a lot more fluid now because you can tap the lower touch screen to select actions instead of navigating through a series of annoying menus.

Overall, though, the touch screen ability isn't as widely used as it could be, and many options are available only through a traditional, more



WAR IS CUTE: Two Pokemons do battle in the "Pearl" game for Nintendo DS.

clumsy button interface.

The games also make use of Nintendo's free wireless multiplayer gaming network, but it's very restrictive. You can't just connect and have random Pokemon fights with other strangers around the world.

The changes in these titles are more like tweaks than overhauls.

Instead, you have to share a special connection code with friends to play on the Internet. It's a bit of a pain if you don't have any friends who own "Diamond" or "Pearl," but I suppose such measures make it safer for the legions of children who adore the series.



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Television

HEROES

'HEROES' GETS A SIDEKICK: NBC will add "Heroes: Origins" to its fall schedule. The "Heroes" spin-off will introduce a new character each week, and viewers will select which one stays for the following season.

Vegas Spy Games

The government thinks everybody's a suspect in the post-9/11 world

TRUE GAMBLE | What goes on in Vegas does not always stay there. "Frontline" (9 p.m., PBS) kicks off its documentary "Spying on the Home Front" in the desert resort.

When authorities received a tip in December 2004 that al-Qaeda "might have an interest in Las Vegas," the FBI worked overtime to prevent a New Year's Eve terror strike. But among their efforts was the unprecedented request for all records from every hotel, car rental



SHADY SECURITY: "Frontline" tracks the government's Las Vegas spying.

agency, airline, casino, restaurant and business in town. In short, every person who traveled through Las Vegas that month would end up in a government database.

Vegas honeymooners Stephen Sprouse and Kristin Douglas were shocked to learn that details of their night in an Elvis chapel are now part of the war on terror. Says Douglas, "I'm sure the government does a lot of things I don't know about, and I've always been OK with that — until I found out that I was included."

Privacy expert and former aide to President Clinton Peter Swire expressed similar discomfort about the changes in legal standards since 2001. The new norm, Swire says, is "everybody is a suspect."

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ON TV TONIGHT

URBAN COWBOYS GET THEIR DUE
Reba McEntire hosts the 42ND ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS (8 p.m., CBS).

DO THEY GO TO TRIBAL COUNCIL?
It comes down to "Beat Box" Blake, "America's Sweetheart" Jordin and "Perfection Does Not Necessarily Mean Excitement" Melinda on AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox).

CRAB SEASON NEVER ENDS
A new season brings fresh rookies on DEADLIEST CATCH (9 p.m., Discovery).

SHE GETS A BADGE & A BAD SUIT
Veronica becomes an official investigator on VERONICA MARS (9 p.m., CW).

STILL JUST A RAT IN A CAGE
Shane reaches out to some unlikely characters on THE SHIELD (10 p.m., FX).



METAL HEAD CASES: James Hetfield's pain is in his music (and his pouting).

'LOOK AT MY SICK CHILD. AND ME!'
SECRET LIVES OF WOMEN (10 p.m., WE) looks at "Munchausen Moms."

DOCUMENTING INDULGENCE
METALLICA: SOME KIND OF MONSTER (9 p.m., VH1 Classic) is real-life "Spinal Tap."

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		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	(4) News (N) 88	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC (N) 1 68	American Idol	Three finalists perform.	House "The Jerk" (N) 1 (PA) 88	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 88	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	News (N) 88	Tonight Show	
	WTTC	5 Seinfeld 1 88	The Simpsons 1	The Simpsons 1	Seinfeld 1 88	Dancing With the Stars 1 88	Dancing With the Stars (S Live) 88	House "The Jerk" (N) 1 (PA) 88	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Every-Raymond	
	WJLA	7 News (N) 88	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars 1 88	Dancing With the Stars (S Live) 88	(:01) Boston Legal "Duck and Cover"	(:01) Boston Legal "Duck and Cover"	News (N) 88	(:35) Nightline (N)	Nightline (N)	
	WUSA	9 News (N) 88	Evening News	News	Entertainment	The 42nd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (S Live) 88				News (N) 88	Late Show		
	WDCA	20 Judge Judy (N) 1	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs 1 88	Scrubs "My Bad"	** "Chain Reaction" (1996) Keanu Reeves, Morgan Freeman, 1 88		Still Standing 1	Still Standing 1	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.		
	WMPT	22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Outdoors	Nova "Hitler's Sunken Secret" 1	Frontline "Spying on the Home Front"	American Experience "The Man Behind Hitler" 1 88	Still Standing 1	Still Standing 1	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.		
	WETA	26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Nova "Great Escape" 88 (DVS)	In Search of Myths and Heroes 1	Frontline "Spying on the Home Front"	Still Standing 1	Still Standing 1	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.		
	WHUT	32 World Business	Tavis Smiley 1	BBC World News	Moneywise	Mystery! "The Mrs. Bradley Mysteries" "Death at the Opera" 88 (DVS)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 1	Tavis Smiley 1	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.		
	WDCW	50 My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends 1 88	Friends 1 88	Gilmore Girls "Bon Voyage" 1 88	Veronica Mars (N) 1 88	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1	Sex and the City	Sex and the City		
	A&E	Cold Case Files Satanic rite. 88	CSI: Miami "MIA/NYC - NonStop" 1	CSI: Miami "Innocent" 1 88	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Driving Force	Driving Force	Driving Force	Criss Angel	Criss Angel		
BASIC CHANNELS	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter 88	The Most Extreme "Living Dead"	The Most Extreme "Medics" (N)	Profiles of Nature "Ambush!" 88	Miami Animal Police 88	Miami Animal Police 88	Miami Animal Police 88	Miami Animal Police 88	The Most Extreme "Medics"	The Most Extreme "Medics"		
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live 88	**** "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding, A.J. Johnson, 88	College Hill 88	Run's House 1	College Hill 88	Run's House 1	College Hill 88	Run's House 1	Ballers (N) 88	Ballers (N) 88		
	Bravo	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88	Work Out 88		
	Comedy	(5:00) **** "Rolling Kansas" (2003)	Scrubs 1 88	Scrubs 1 88	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Reno 911! 88	South Park 88	Mind of Mencia	Mind of Mencia	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops 1 88	Cops "Busts" 1	Cops "Atlanta" 1	Cops 1 88	Cops 1 88	Cops 1 88	Hot Pursuit	Hot Pursuit	LA Forensics	North Mission
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Deadliest Catch 88	Deadliest Catch "The Last Lap"	Deadliest Catch "New Beginnings"	Man vs. Wild "Mount Kilaua" 88	Surviving Sextuplets and Twins 88	Surviving Sextuplets and Twins 88	Quint's: The First Year 88	Quint's: The First Year 88	Quint's: The First Year 88	
	DISCH	Code Blue 88	Impact: Stories of Survival 88	Quints: The First Year 88	Sextuplets Turn 12 88								
	Disney	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	** "Toothless" (1997, Comedy) Kirstie Alley, 1 88	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven		
	E!	Tales of Hollywood Moms	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Demi Moore: The E! True Hollywood Story 88	The Soup	Girl Next Door	E! News	E! News	The Daily 10			
	FX	**** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn,	**** "The Transporter" (2002, Action) Jason Statham, Shu Qi,			The Shield "Exiled" (N) 88	The Shield "Exiled" (N) 88	The Shield "Exiled" (N) 88	The Shield "Exiled" (N) 88	(:05) The Riches	(:05) The Riches		
HGTV	Look What I Did! "What's-House?"	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me 1	Decorating Cents	24 Hour Design	House Hunters	My Kitchen	House Worth?	House Worth?	Hidden Potential	
	Family	7th Heaven "An Early Fall" 88	Smallville "Whisper" 1 88	**** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue, 88	**** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue, 88	Full House 88	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Roseanne 88	Roseanne 88	Roseanne 88	
	History	Modern Marvels "Drilling" 88	Modern Marvels "Mountain Roads"	Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History 88				Modern Marvels "Harvesting" 88	Modern Marvels "Harvesting" 88	Modern Marvels 88	Modern Marvels 88	Modern Marvels 88	
	Lifetime	Reba 1 88	Reba 1 88	Still Standing 1	Still Standing 1	Reba 1 88	Reba 1 88	"Nora Roberts' Sanctuary" (2001) Melissa Gilbert, Costas Mandylor, 88	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1	
	MTV	Parental Control	Parental Control	Parental Control	Parental Control	Real World-Rd	Real World-Rd	Punk'd 1	Scarred 1	Real World-Rd	Real World-Rd	The Real World	The Real World
	NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh 1	Home Videos	Full House 88	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Roseanne 88	Roseanne 88
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Bane" 1 88	Special Unit 2 "The Web" 1 88	Special Unit 2 "The Web" 1 88	Special Unit 2 "The Waste" 1 88	Special Unit 2 "The Depths" 88	Special Unit 2 "The Depths" 88	ECW (Live)		Painkiller Jane 1 88	Painkiller Jane 1 88		
	SPIKE	Bullrun 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	UFC Unleashed (N)	Bullrun (N) 1			The Ultimate Fighter 1	The Ultimate Fighter 1		
	TBS	Seinfeld 1 88	Seinfeld 1 88	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Friends 1 88	Friends 1 88	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	TLC	Property Ladder 88	SEMA: Greatest Car Show	Rides Jay Leno finds a treasure.	Miami Ink Kat's friend Mike visits.	Miami Ink Kat's friend Mike visits.	Miami Ink Kat's friend Mike visits.	Miami Ink "Nobody Likes a Quitter"	Miami Ink "Nobody Likes a Quitter"	Miami Ink "Von D Family Bonding"	Miami Ink "Von D Family Bonding"		
NEWS	TNT	Law & Order "Merger" 88 (DVS)	Law & Order "Hubris" 88 (DVS)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (Live) 88	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (Live) 88					NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.		
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Crazy"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1	** "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, 88	** "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, 88			Law & Order: Criminal Intent 88	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 88		
	VH1	I Love New York	I Love New York Meeting mothers. 1	I Love New York Finalists. 1	I Love New York 1	I Love New York 1	I Love New York 1	I Love New York 1	Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School	Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School	**** "Private Parts" (1997) 1	**** "Private Parts" (1997) 1	
	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemundo	Dame Chocolate (N)	Marina (N)	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa (N)	La Esclava Isaura (N)			Noti-Telemundo	Noti-Telemundo	12 Corazones	
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	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) 88	NFL Live 88	U.S. Poker Championship	Contender Challenge	Baseball Tonight (Live)				SportsCenter (Live) 88	SportsCenter (Live) 88		
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	CSN	Washington	SportsNite 88	Premiership Soccer: Man Utd vs. West Ham	Washington Post Live					ACC All-Access	ACC All-Access	Final Score	
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 88	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now 88	Larry King Live 88	Anderson Cooper 360 88							
	FNC	Special Report (Live) 88	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) 88	Hannity & Colmes (Live) 88	On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor		
MOVIES	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball 88	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country	The Fugitive Years on the run.				Confessions of a Dangerous Mind	Confessions of a Dangerous Mind		
	AMC	(5:30) ** "Red Dawn" (1984, Action) Patrick Swayze, PG-13	**** "Patriot Games" (1992, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin, R			**** "Commando" (1985) Arnold Schwarzenegger, R							
	TCM	** "Clash of the Titans" (1981, Fantasy) Harry Hamlin, PG-13	**** "Wuthering Heights" (1939, Romance) Merle Oberon, NR			**** "Hamlet" (1948, Drama) Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons, NR							
	HBO	(5:45) * "Just My Luck" (2006) Lindsay Lohan, PG-13	Shrek the Third	**** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, R		The Sopranos Tony has a revelation.				Entourage 88	Entourage 88	Bad Boys Com.	
	MAX	** "Ricochet" (1991) Denzel Washington, R	(:45) ** "The Island" (2005) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, PG-13			** "You've Got Mail" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Tom Hanks, PG							
	SHOW	(4:50) The Zodiac	**** "Maverick" (1957, Western) Mel Gibson, iTV, PG	Tudors: Style	The Tudors "Episode 7" (iTV) 88	Penn & Teller	★ "Shadowboxer" (2005) Helen Mirren, iTV, R						
	TMC	Sophie's Choice	** "The Sweeper" (1996) C. Thomas Howell, R	(:15) ** "Looking for Kitty" (2004) Edward Burns, R	(:45) * "Another 9 1/2 Weeks" (1997, Romance) Mickey Rourke, R					Hustle & Flow R	Hustle & Flow R		
	STARZ!	(5:40) ** "Flightplan											

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Travel

Bus tours give riders a peek at California's most infamous crimes

A dismembered wannabe starlet. A girl buried under her family's home. A rattlesnake used as a weapon.

The scenes of those crimes are stops on a series of Southern California bus tours that eschew the usual stars' homes and theme parks to offer passengers a peek at the region's dark side.

"They're aimed at the history geek sort of people," said Kelly Kuvo, who wears a black veil and other vintage accoutrements during the trips she leads for the tour company Esotouric.

The company's "crime bus" tours plumb the grisly, blood-soaked pasts of now quiet Southern California neighborhoods and nondescript strip malls.

Similar trips elsewhere take passengers deep into cities' gory pasts, including Washington's "Bad Olde Days," chronicling crime in the nation's capital, and "Sinister London," which follows the steps of Jack the Ripper.

"When people die in a place, it does change that place forever," said Esotouric guide and co-founder Kim Cooper. "Just because

the people wandering around the neighborhood may not be aware of it, it doesn't mean it's not a good idea for people who are interested in history to revive those memories."

Esotouric's most popular tour explores 1947 Los Angeles by zeroing in on the murder of Elizabeth Short — a.k.a. "Black Dahlia" — who came to Hollywood in search of fame but wound up the victim of an infamous unsolved murder.

One stop is a storefront on a desolate downtown street that now boasts a sign reading, "Club Galaxy — 100 Beautiful Girls."

In 1947, when it was a bistro called "The Crown Grill," it was the last place Short was seen before her dismembered body was discovered miles away in a south Los Angeles neighborhood.

"She was friendly with the bartenders and with some of the waitresses, so people recognized her and remembered her," Cooper said. "The problem, of course, is that everybody at the Crown Grill immediately became suspects."

Passengers are also introduced to lesser known crimes from the same year, such as the attempted carjacking in Hollywood of an 18-year-old movie theater cashier named Ginevra Knight, who fatally shot her assailant.

"It's the criminal history of 1947 L.A., and how women felt going out at night in the hysteria of an unsolved murder," Cooper said.

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BACK IN TIME: Actress Kelly Kuvo, right, wears a veil and other vintage accoutrements when she leads Esotouric tours.

Violent Nostalgia

“When people die in a place, it does change that place forever.”

KIM COOPER, ESOTOURIC GUIDE

where a young bride-to-be was buried in 1969 by her uncle after he shot her to death in a jealous rage.

It also cruises by an intersection where a man named Raymond James bought a rattlesnake he let bite his wife in 1935 so he could cash in on her insurance policy. When she didn't die from the bite, he had an accomplice finish the job by drowning her in their fish pond.

Esotouric grew out of a Web log Cooper started in 2005, when she set out to retell a true-crime tale

from each day of 1947. She and her collaborators soon started offering tours of those scenes and the sites of other crimes.

Tour participant Bob Nickum, 59, a school district business manager, said seeing the sites of past crimes made him look at familiar places in a new way.

"It makes things a little more interesting — vivid — to know about something that intense that took place in a calm, peaceful neighborhood," he said. JACOB ADELMAN (AP)

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Careers

Couples are hitting the road together in 18-wheel trucks

Jim and Eva Sisler began traveling the country nearly 10 years ago, a couple of empty nesters in their 50s with a desire to see new places and build some assets before retirement.

Driving from California to New Jersey in two days, using layovers to visit historic sites in the South or ethnic restaurants in Chicago, the Sislars pack in a lot. Back in Montana, they revel in the simple pleasures of home. It's a nice change from life in an 18-wheel truck.

U.S. trucking companies want more people like the Sislars, to deal with what the companies fear will be a worsening shortage of long-haul drivers. The United States has about 1.3 million drivers of long-haul, heavy trucks, roughly 20,000 fewer than needed, according to



Schneider National drivers Terri Lynch, left, and Joey Lynch of Athens, Wis., became a truck-driving duo about 15 years ago.

have built a retirement account.

Joey and Terri Lynch of Athens, Wis., became a driving team about 15 years ago after he lost the lease on his grocery store in suburban Chicago and she left a job as a coats and dresses manager in a J.C. Penney store. "I worked in high heels and business suits for all that time, and then got in a truck," said Terri.

“I said, ‘You can do this, too, darlin’. You can be a truck driver.”

JIM SISLER, TRUCK DRIVER

Schneider National puts the Lynches on the road for three weeks at a time followed by three off.

"You can't tell somebody whether they're going to like driving a truck," said Joey, who listens to audio books on the road. "You have to get out and try it."

Trucker couples say squabbles are inevitable, but not a big problem for partners who truly know and like one another.

"We've been married for 42 years," Jim Sisler said. "We know how to get on each other's nerves, how to get off — and when."

SUSAN GALLAGHER (AP)

American Trucking Associations, an industry group.

The industry is launching an ad campaign for recruitment and is particularly interested in older couples, free of concerns about missed family time and perhaps looking to replace worn-out jobs with new ones before retirement. Plus, putting two at the

wheel helps business. The hours a truck legally can operate double, and freight arrives sooner.

The Sislars began driving in 1998 after moving from California to Montana to help their son build a house. With that project finished, Jim alarmed his wife by enrolling in truck-driver training — often a

three- to six-week course — and suggested she do the same.

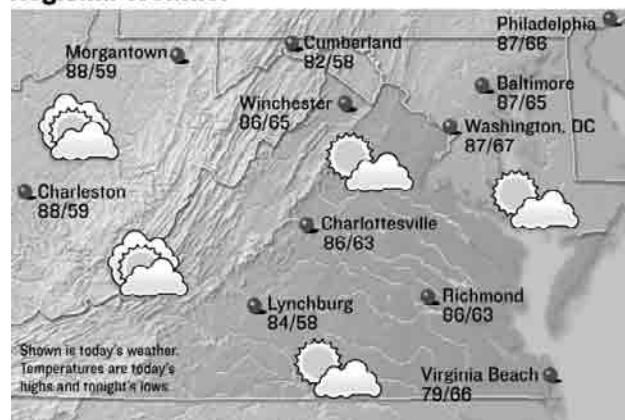
"I said, 'You can do this, too, darlin'. You can be a truck driver,'" he said.

Paid by the mile, the Sislars together earned more than \$100,000 last year as drivers for Watkins & Shepard Trucking and

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:13 p.m.
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Moonset today	7:19 p.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, May 15



National Cities

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Boston	84/61/s	74/52/t	Athens	84/68/s	84/68/s
Chicago	72/47/t	65/44/pc	Berlin	60/46/sh	64/48/pc
Dallas	84/61/pc	75/58/t	Buenos Aires	61/45/pc	59/43/pc
Denver	65/43/sh	72/47/pc	Calgary	70/42/pc	75/45/pc
Honolulu	85/73/pc	84/67/t	Dublin	57/46/pc	61/50/sh
Los Angeles	80/59/pc	74/59/pc	Geneva	54/38/r	68/45/pc
Miami	84/73/t	84/73/t	Moscow	72/54/pc	70/42/c
New York City	83/68/s	78/55/t	Rome	74/52/pc	72/54/c
Orlando	86/68/t	87/69/t	Sydney	74/59/pc	73/60/pc
Seattle	74/48/s	65/48/s	Tokyo	74/61/c	75/63/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOK out



Purple Power

File
UNDER
Fad

Lavender is the MacGyver of the plant

world. You can eat it, bathe in it or stash it in your underwear drawer to scent your unmentionables. It's lovely both fresh and dried, and its anti-septic oil is also used to cure headaches and insomnia. And this potent little purple plant is showing up in more and more cosmetics and skin care, to sooth, protect and pretty you up. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



← **FRENCH BLISS:** Does the icky exchange rate mean no Provence trip this year? L'Occitane's teeny bubble Lavender Foam Bath gets you there, at least for the length of a soak. (\$32, usa.loccitane.com)

↑ **PLUM PERFECT:** MAC's Orchidazzle lipstick, part of its new summer line, looks scarily grape in the tube; amazingly, lips look a lovely shade of purple-y pink, not freakish. (\$14, maccosmetics.com)

→ **PRETTY PROTECTION:** If more sunscreens smelled and felt like Sonya Dakar's 365, we'd stop "forgetting" to put ours on. It smells like citrus and flowers, not like chemicals. (\$39, sonyadakar.com)



Beauty



Almost Paradise

Is the new **ISLAND MICHAEL KORS HAWAII EAU DE PARFUM** (\$60, Macy's) as good as a trip to Hawaii? Well, we've never been, but we're going to go with "no." But a perfume doesn't have to be a vacation in a bottle, complete with umbrella-bedded drinks and muscular cabana boys, to be good. This is a scent made for summer, citrusy and light, with a bit of flower and spice thrown in for good measure. So, it's certainly worth trying. For a more convincing comparison between it and a Hawaiian vacation, please send money to the "Kristen Vacation Fund" c/o Express. K.P.K.

Beauty



Heavy Metal Mania

Think you can't look like Ursula Andress, coming out of the ocean, makeup intact? Then you haven't tried the new **PEARLESSENCE GEL STAINS** from Vincent Longo (\$22.50, exclusively at Sephora). Each of the three colors works on both lips and cheeks for a slightly metallic wash of color. The best thing is that these suckers just. Will. Not. Come. Off. We drank. We rubbed. We ate popcorn. The color stayed without drying lips, meaning here's a product that won't leave our purse all summer. K.P.K.

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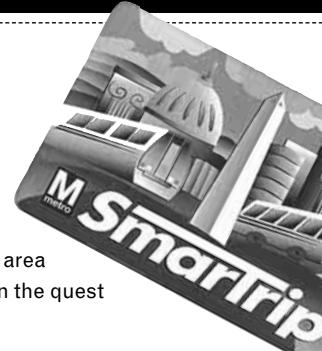
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TRANSIT

SmarTrip Still Growing

Montgomery County's RideOn and Arlington's ARCbus systems recently equipped their buses for SmarTrip compatibility. See which other area commuter systems are following their lead in the quest for commuter integration. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



ENTERTAINMENT

Total Minx

Women are being lured back to visual storytelling with DC Comics' new Minx imprint. Express' Scott Rosenberg talks to writer Cecil Castellucci and artist Jim Rugg about their Minx graphic novel, "The Plain Janes," about a teenager who starts an all-girl guerrilla art group to beautify the world. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

FREE RIDE

I Scream, You Scream ...

Summer is technically more than a month away, but the weatherman says it's definitely hot enough for you to enjoy your favorite warm-weather treat: ice cream. Luckily, Haagen-Dazs is handing it out for free for a limited time Tuesday. Find out when and where to get yours at [readexpress.com](#). | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

“ Wolfowitz is one of the poster boys of this corrupt, incompetent administration. He helped lead the Iraq Fiasco Division. Then he had the arrogance to go “lead” the World Bank, saying his goal was to eliminate corruption. He should start with himself and quit or be fired.”

COMMENTER NOVA GATOR, RESPONDING TO MONDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “SHOULD PAUL WOLFOWITZ RESIGN AS WORLD BANK CHIEF?”



“ If everyone in D.C. who used their position to get friends, relatives, friends' relatives, etc. hired or promoted was forced to resign, there wouldn't be anyone left to run the country!”

COMMENTER RU RAH RAH, ADDING “THIS IS ANOTHER CASE OF NOT FINDING ENOUGH EVIDENCE OF SOMETHING ROTTEN WITH SOMEONE, SO WE'LL FIND SOMETHING MINOR AND MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT.”

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Is the military's blocking of YouTube fair to troops?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should Paul Wolfowitz resign as World Bank chief?

AS OF 7 P.M. MONDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

1. Yes
2. No

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YES
82%

NO
18%



“It seems as though Butterstick should change his name to Buttertub. He's turning out to be a little clunkster!”

GAVELINYOURPANTS.BLOGSPOT.COM RECENTLY VISITED THE NATIONAL ZOO AND NOTICED THAT STAR ATTRACTION TAI SHAN, AKA BUTTERSTICK, HAS PUT ON POUNDS.



SOMEONE PLEASE

tell me I'm not the only one who reads the headline, ‘Cerberus Likely to Buy Chrysler for \$7.4B’ and thinks that an automobile company might soon be sold to a three-headed dog. ... I'm ... trying to determine the logic behind naming your company after the vicious canine guard of the Greek underworld.”

SEIN514.BLOGSPOT.COM POSES FUN AT THE NAME OF CERBERUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, WHICH INTENDS TO PURCHASE CHRYSLER FROM DAIMLERCHRYSLER.

“The menu says they offer fresh-made bagels. I'm wary of getting bagels at a Mexican restaurant, but if they're fresh-made, how bad can they be?”

BUT **DCALEX.BLOGSPOT.COM** DOES LIKE THE BURRITOS AT TACOS PEPITO'S BAKERY ON COLUMBIA ROAD IN ADAMS MORGAN.

Live Online

New Postal Rates

Postal Regulatory Commission Chairman **DAN G. BLAIR** was online Monday to discuss the latest stamp price increase to 41 cents and the new Forever Stamp.

Are Americans using fewer first-class stamps? What's the long-term trend? Other than Christmas cards and the (very) occasional letter, I just don't use stamps anymore.

You raise a good point. First-class mail volume has been on the decline as people migrate to

the Internet to pay their bills and keep in touch with friends and family. While first-class mail volume has declined, advertising mail has been increasing. Plus, online retailing has generated mail volume.

How about you make it an even 50 cents and then leave us alone for a few years?

We hear that quite often. But, if you paid 50 cents for a stamp, you would be paying too much for the service. Postage rates have been designed to cover the cost of providing that service. In the future, however, postage rates will be pegged to inflation and generally can rise no more than the Consumer Price Index. It can be fair

to say that one can expect regular increases, but they will be inflation-based and predictable.

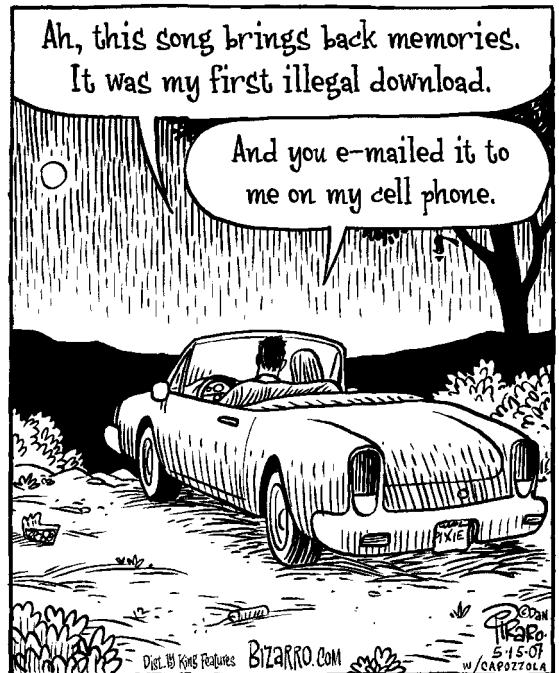
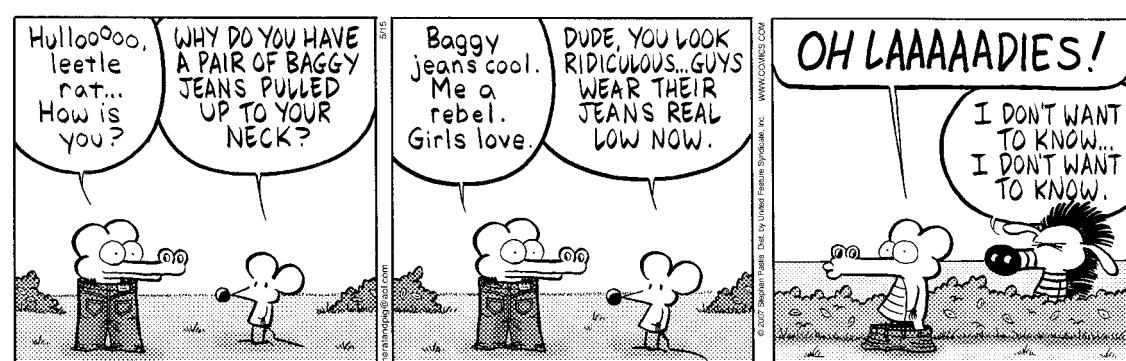
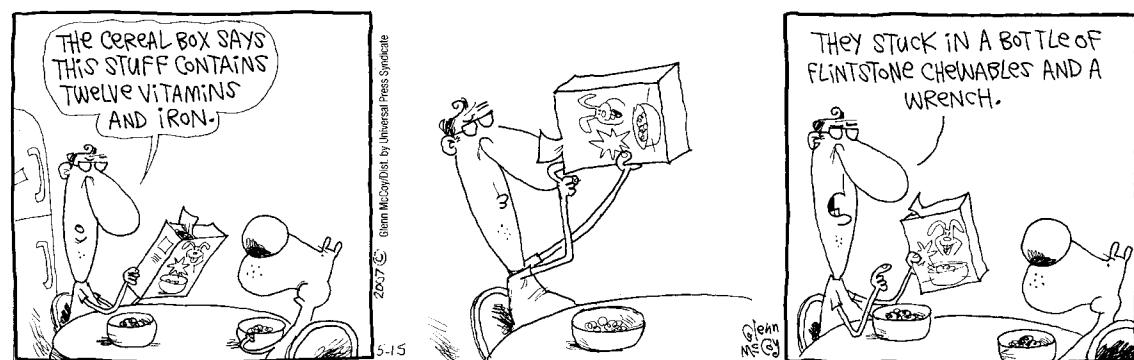
Why would people buy the regular new 41-cent stamp when they can get the Forever Stamp at the same price?

Right now, the Forever Stamp is offered only with one design. If you're a stamp collector or like the different designs found in commemorative stamps, you will have a selection from which to choose. It's a matter of consumer choice.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon discusses his newest book, “The Yiddish Policeman's Union,” at 3 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DON'T

USE THIS ITEM FOR ANYTHING BUT RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. That being said, it's getting close to the end of “The Sopranos.” One big gun is down — and more are sure to follow. Bet on who's going to sleep with the fishes next (www.betus.com).

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a rest toward midday and think back over recent decisions and actions. You can make a difference for someone else before nightfall.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will need to shrug things off. Remember, trying to change the things you cannot control will only result in increased frustration.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your intuition may be the only thing you have to go on — particularly in matters of the heart. Do you really have enough to go on?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A financial issue demands a clear head, and a slow and deliberate approach. Now is no time to make rash or hasty decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take time out of your busy schedule to say or do something special for the one person who means the most to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You deserve a big pat on the back, but for a while you may be the only person available to give

it to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You mustn't let life's little inconveniences get you down; rise above the very things in which others get caught up and you're a step ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your fear of being boring or noncommittal is unfounded — so let loose a little and experiment with your own public image.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An exciting excursion may turn into more of an adventure as you take advantage of one unusual opportunity after another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Are you certain the conclusions you've come to over the past few days are really accurate — or even objective? You may want to think twice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Prospects are improving, and it's time to consider making a change that, in the near future, could bring you greater financial rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone may be keeping you in the dark quite intentionally, but never fear — something wonderful is going to be revealed very soon.

Letters

Bodies Inspire Greatness

"WHO IN THEIR right mind likes being around corpses?" asks letter writer Steven Coran ("Corpses Are Not Art," May 14). Well, Da Vinci for one. He is more generally considered a genius than a psychopath, except perhaps

by people of his time who, like Coran, reviled his study of the human body. We owe much great art and countless medical advances to work like his, gross as it may seem to some. I suggest that Coran take a deeper look "inside" to get acquainted with, and perhaps even appreciate the aesthetics of, his mortal coil.

—JESSICA GRAVES
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1856 Lyman Frank Baum, the author of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," is born in Chittenango, N.Y.

1930 Registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, goes on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

1970 Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State University in Mississippi, are killed when police open fire during student



George Wallace was shot today in 1972.

protests.

1972 George C. Wallace is shot by Arthur Bremer and left paralyzed while campaigning in Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination.

LOOK out People



It's rare that leaving zero to the imagination can produce an aura of mystery.

MYSTERY

'They Might Be Real. They're Definitely Spectacular'

Her bosom looks bigger because her hair is shorter, **KELLIE PICKLER** told Ryan Seacrest on Monday when he alluded to a possible augmentation, People.com reported. But she's kind of enjoying the attention: "Let the mystery live on, because as soon as I say 'yes' or 'no,' no one is going to care anymore." (EXPRESS)

BORING

So Not Novel Material

Crime writer **PATRICIA CORNWELL** has filed a libel lawsuit against another author and is asking a federal judge to bar him from posting messages about her online. Cornwell wants the court to enforce an injunction issued in 2000 against Leslie Sachs, stemming from his book "The Virginia Ghost Murders." Sachs has claimed vocally that Cornwell ripped off his plot. A hearing is scheduled for May 22 in Richmond, Va. (AP)



DISAPPOINTMENT

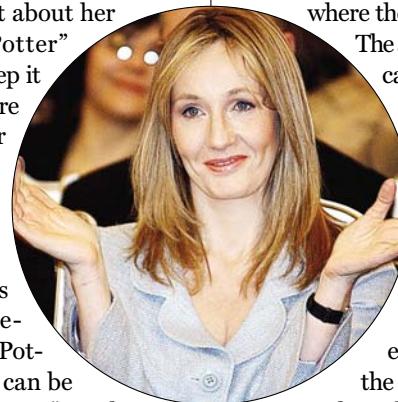
Legacy Doesn't Hit Seven Figures

ANNA NICOLE SMITH's will was filed Monday in Los Angeles, People magazine reported. Howard K. Stern, her attorney, companion and now executor, submitted the documents, which put the late model's assets at \$710,000. The will, which dates back to 2001 (but was updated with her current worth), leaves everything to Smith's now-deceased son, Daniel. (EXPRESS)

KIDDING!

Harry Dies. And Ron. Oops.

J.K. ROWLING has a request for those with inside dirt about her final "Harry Potter" book: Please keep it to yourself. "We're a little under three months away now, and the first distant rumblings of the weirdness that usually precedes a 'Harry Potter' publication can be heard on the horizon," Rowling wrote on her Web site Monday. "I want the readers who have, in many



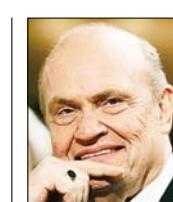
instances, grown up with Harry, to embark on the last adventure they will share with him without knowing where they are going."

The author's comments came in response to an editorial on fan site the-leaky-cauldron.org, which noted that it had been receiving e-mails alleging advance knowledge. Although the "Potter" books are released under tight security, copies often are obtained before the publication date. (AP)

POLITICS

The 'Hey, It's That Guy; You Know the One' Candidate

NBC's top entertainment executive said Monday that he doesn't expect actor and potential Republican presidential candidate **FRED THOMPSON** back on "Law & Order" next season. NBC Entertainment

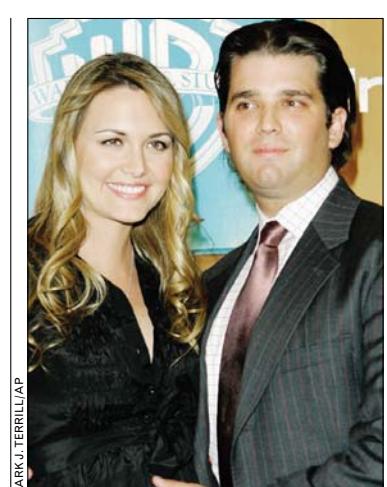


President Kevin Reilly claimed no insider knowledge of Thompson's political plans, but his statement indicated the seriousness of Thompson's presidential musings. (AP)

BABIES

Family Tree Irrevocably Mangled by Trump Scion

Donald Trump became a grandfather over the weekend, 14 months after he became a dad all over again. The baby girl, Kai Madison, was born to **DONALD TRUMP JR.** and his wife, **VANESSA**, both 29, on Saturday in New York, according to published reports. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Trump Jr. said the girl's name comes from her maternal grandfather, a Danish musician. Kai will grow up alongside her uncle Barron, born to Trump and his third wife, Melania, in 2006. (AP)



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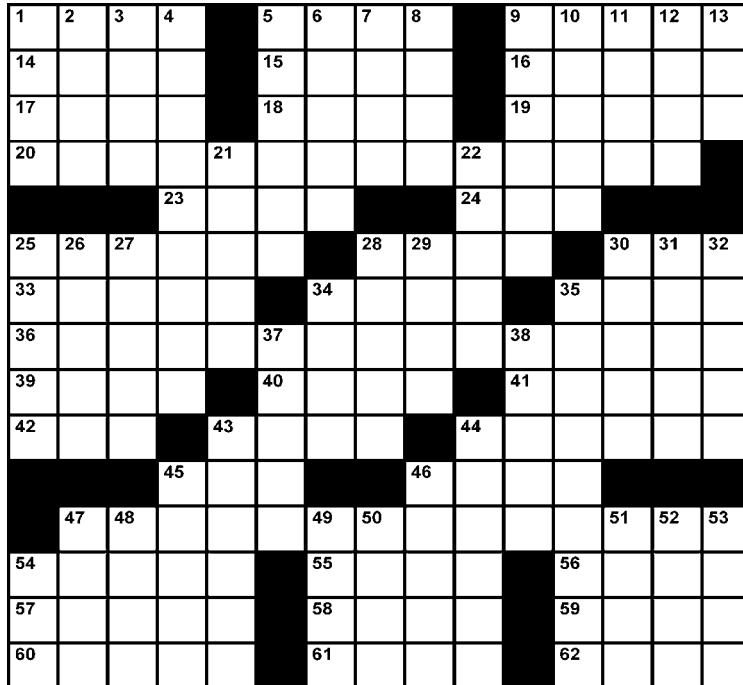
Ultimate Favorites

ACROSS

- 1 It may need stitches
- 5 Arbiters of plays
- 9 Shoe shapes
- 14 Lay eyes on
- 15 Like some advanced exams
- 16 Focus of worship, in Islam
- 17 Bring in the sheaves, e.g.
- 18 Mystical emanation
- 19 Bird of paradise feature
- 20 Ultimate Fighter's favorite side dish?
- 23 Give off, as radiation
- 24 Sodom survivor
- 25 "This instant!"
- 28 Small progression
- 30 Bitty bark
- 33 Stiff hairs or bristles
- 34 Compost place
- 35 Counter offer?
- 36 Ultimate Fighter's favorite entree?
- 39 Shrink's statement
- 40 Cogito, ____ sum
- 41 General vicinities
- 42 It's spoken in Berlin (Abbr.)
- 43 Not occurring naturally
- 44 Offensive, in a way
- 45 Styling substance
- 46 Some say it's for boobs

DOWN

- 1 Cold cause
- 2 Making a crossing
- 3 Reducing resorts
- 4 Break one's word?
- 5 John's employee
- 6 Spew lava
- 7 One-time Vegas game
- 8 Jalouse unit
- 9 Common airline carry-on
- 10 Divvy
- 11 Swing around
- 12 Glaswegian headgear
- 13 Start of a memorable tongue twister
- 21 Presiding personality
- 22 First Hebrew letter
- 25 Comparable to a barn
- 26 Display poor sportsmanship
- 27 Mink relative
- 28 Umbrella plant, e.g.
- 29 Cantina fare
- 30 Jethro Bodine, e.g.
- 31 Standard of perfection
- 32 Flower from the violet family
- 34 Drover's charge
- 35 Some radio talk show employees
- 37 Ruled territory
- 38 Metric poetic feet
- 43 Deficient in amount
- 44 Word in the title of a da Vinci painting
- 45 Barbara Eden played one
- 46 Nicholas and Alexander, e.g.
- 47 Branch Davidian sect, for one
- 48 Get carried away?
- 49 Hairy twin of the Bible
- 50 Medicos, briefly
- 51 Seed appendage
- 52 Quote, as an authority
- 53 Lend an ear to
- 54 Distress signal



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Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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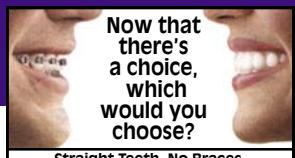
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Ceasing a Cousin's Colorful Commentary

Q Recently I overheard a cousin making very negative statements about my younger sister, specifically about her weight. My sister is in her teens and has a lot of problems with body image. She was out of earshot then, but I have a feeling she heard other comments that day. I am so angry, but I don't know how to address it. I want to comfort my sister, but if she didn't hear what he said, I don't want to tell her. I want to talk to my cousin, but he can be aggressive and spiteful. Please help. — EMBARRASSED IN VA.

Your sister needs your support no matter what your dolt of a cousin said. A teenage female with weight



"Not so funny now, are you Cuz."

— although she's probably heard much worse from others. (In this world, there are dolts aplenty!)

Whether you approach Mr. Congeniality depends on what you deem to be the odds of having a positive impact. Sometimes a bully thrives on such attention. If he has a little more heart, though, he might be receptive to a brief, private talking-to. Either way, it's to your sister that you have your first and most important responsibility.

Q My boyfriend is fabulous around children and is a fantastic uncle to his nieces. We've been talking marriage for more than two years now. The problem is that he's always said he doesn't want kids. I've gone along with this in the belief that he would change his mind. Am I fooling myself? — WONDERING IN D.C.

I'm great with sea monkeys, but I wouldn't want any of my own!

Unfortunately, there's no way to know for sure whether your boyfriend's no-kiddos stance is just an act — but it turns out that's irrelevant. If you were to marry him with the belief that you know him better than he knows himself, that would be as inauspicious a start to matrimony as if he were addicted to baked beans.

You have no choice but to go by his word — to do any less would mean he was incredibly un-self-aware and you were incredibly domineering — not a great recipe for the altar. Try to get through to him, confront him with evidence, have heart-to-hearts about how likely he thinks it is that he'll change his mind. In the end, if he maintains that kids are a no-go, you owe it to both of you to treat that as truth. The hard part, of course, is then deciding about the "M" word — and resisting the urge to gamble in the process.

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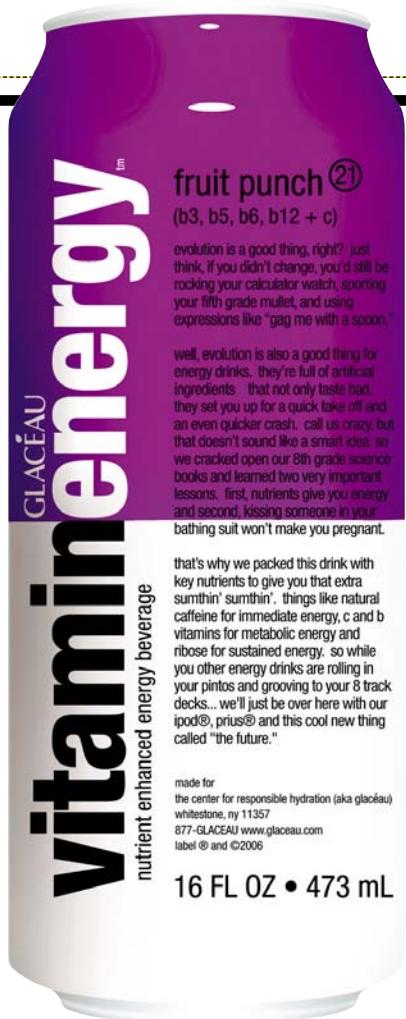
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Taste-wise, Dragonfruit is Robitussin-foul, fruit punch evokes diluted Sweet Tarts water, and tropical citrus is a ringer for that pink liquid antibiotic little kids take for ear infections.

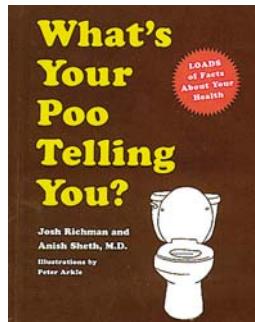
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Super Bowl Trivia



BEFORE THE FLUSH, everyone glances into that toilet bowl to see what their colons created. With "What's Your Poo Telling You?" (\$10, Chronicle), an actual M.D. explains why feces do what they do — like float, get all watery or turn green.

It's mostly potty humor, but some of the advice is deadly serious (blood could indicate colon cancer). We just wish there was room for a diary in the back.



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Lose Appetite, Just a Little

THERE IS NO GREATER TEST for a product that claims to control appetite than to force it to face off with an open box of chocolates. We challenged Z Trim capsules (\$40, gnc.com), packed with corn-derived calorie-free fiber, to see whether they could satisfy us so much that we didn't reach for the bon bons.

The pills look like they're stuffed with a cotton swab, and you can squish them like they are, too. But they slide down the hatch easily, and — to the shock of our testing team — they worked! (But only for two hours. How long can one expect humans to fend off the need for cacao?)

Still, we were so impressed by how our normally insatiable stomachs seemed to be subdued after ingesting a Z Trim that we're adding it to the Fit medicine cabinet.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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It's Easy, Riders!

Learn the secrets of daily bicycle commuters

The shortest distance between two points can still feel too long, which is why Dave Cranor didn't think it was possible to bike the 12.5 miles from his Capitol Hill home to his office in Greenbelt. That is, until he tried it.

"I was exhausted the first time," he recalls of that fateful ride four years ago. "But I got addicted." The 35-year-old scientist now makes the hour-plus ride (each way!) almost every day. He sold his car, saved tons of dough and lost 13 pounds. "And I'm not rail-thin now," he says. "I had 13 pounds to lose."

Bike to Work Day 2007 arrives

this Friday to popularize the idea that if folks like Cranor experience the trek just once, they'll do it regularly. Because not everyone is so easily swayed, we've collected tips from locals who have conquered the challenges of commuting.

Plan Your Route. Plenty of streets have bike lanes, and trails can bypass traffic-clogged arteries. To help new employees find such shortcuts, the National Institutes of Health's Bike Commuting Club pairs rookies with cycling mentors who live in their neighborhoods. That came in handy for Jenny Haliski, 31, who started in December and found that biking to work shaved

15 minutes off each leg of her commute. "It makes people more likely to try it out," she says.

If your colleagues can't lead the way, pore over some bike maps (there's a huge library available for download or purchase at the Washington Area Bicyclist Association's site, waba.org). If you live or work in NoVa, sign up for the Arlington and Alexandria Community Bike Ride (June 3, bikearlington.com). The 23-mile tour shows how everything in the area is easily accessible by bike.

Plan to Sweat. "Unless you have the discipline not to work that hard, you'll end up with sweaty clothes,"

says 35-year-old Scott Walsh, who commutes five miles to Dupont Circle. "I don't have that discipline." If you also have trouble slowing yourself down, it's probably best to avoid rolling in wearing suits and skirts. Instead, don exercise garb and pack a change of clothes. Storing dress shoes, ties and jackets at work means less to lug back and forth each day.

Many office buildings offer

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shower facilities for employees, but if yours doesn't, think about joining a nearby health club if you need to cleanse. Plus, biking is a great warm-up for a little pre-shower weight work.

Plan for Safety. The only downside Cranor has found for bike commuting? Missing "Morning Edition." He prides himself on being visible, predictable and alert, which means wearing reflective clothing, but not headphones.

Paul d'Eustachio, president of the WABA board and a cycling commuter for 35 years, rides a hybrid; with wider tires than a road bike, it can survive potholes and broken glass (both features of his 11-miler from Takoma Park to Crystal City). "If you're in the Tour de France, you need a racing bicycle, but if you're just commuting, get one you're comfortable riding," he says.

He's certainly at ease on his ride: "I could sell it to tourists. The Capitol to the left, the sun rising over the Reflecting Pool. It's just beautiful." How many car commuters can say the same? VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



Pamper yourself with pole dancing or a trip to see dead bodies on display.

Ladies Luck Out

■ When the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services launched the annual National Women's Health Week eight years ago, it's doubtful those government wonks considered marking the occasion by taking off their clothes while gyrating their hips.

But the P Spot (210 Rhode Island Ave. NW; 202-299-9604; thepspot.net), an exercise and personal training facility, is dealing with that oversight by offering a free strip aerobics class at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday. (There's also a tamer sounding nutrition and health seminar at 12:15 p.m.)

For gals interested in exploring the exotic-dancing arts further, the free class is a good way to check out the facilities—owner Michaela Brown claims to have the only pole studio within city limits.

Ladies who wish to celebrate the week (May 13-19) in other ways can find options at womenshealth.gov. At Union Station, the Heart Truth Road Show is on display Tuesday and Wednesday to get women to focus on their risks for cardiovascular disease. And there are some deals, too: This week, women can get 20 percent off admission to the "Bodies ... The Exhibition" at the Rosslyn Spectrum. Not so surprisingly, the majority of events associated with the week are exhibits, not exhibitionism. V.H.

TO DO LIST ► BIKE TO WORK DAY

How to Join the Road Warriors

■ Don't have a bike? Sorry, even that isn't a valid excuse for burning gas instead of calories come Friday. Bike the Sites (202-842-2453, bikethesites.com) is offering free rentals. Just pick up your wheels Thursday between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Old Post Office Pavilion or Rosslyn locations and return them between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday.

If route planning isn't your strong point, WABA volunteers are leading commuter convoys from 16 locations across D.C., Maryland and Virginia. There's no need to register ahead of time—just show up at the spots listed at waba.org. (There are



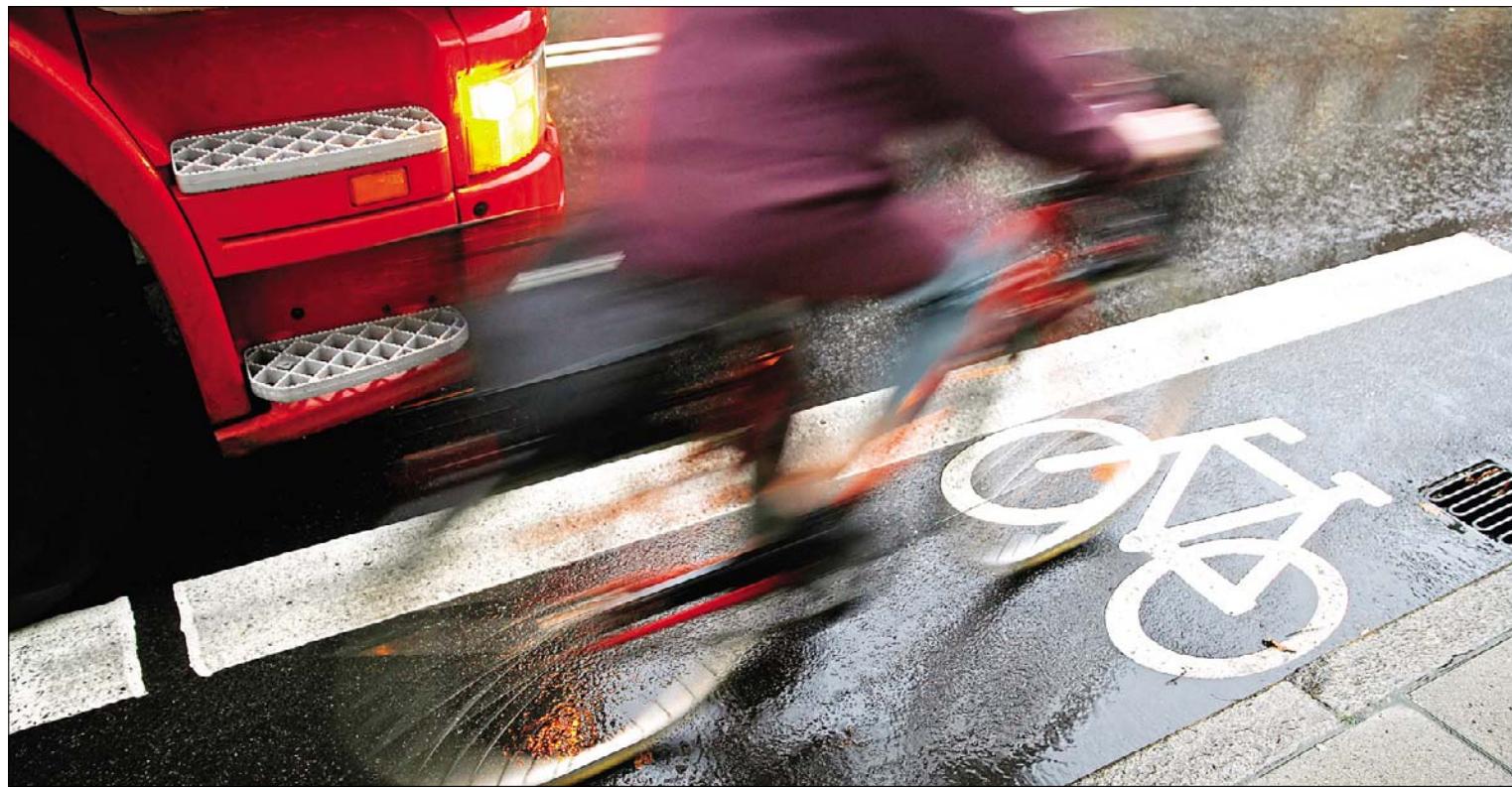
maps of the routes if you want to know exactly where they're headed.)

And don't forget to leave some time during the ride to celebrate your accomplishment at one of the 25 pit stops around town. They'll have free T-shirts (if you register in advance, also at waba.org), breakfast munchies, entertainment, speakers and the chance to win bikes and other stuff. V.H.

VITAL STATS

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THE PERCENTAGE OF AMERICAN ADULTS WHO ABUSE DRUGS AT SOME POINT, REPORTS THE U.S. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE.



Confidence on Wheels

Free classes teach timid bicyclists how to brave the city's streets

Riding along tree-lined trails is a breeze, but only a select few are lucky enough to hold down gigs in the woods. Reaching most offices by bike means learning how to rule the road.

But between gigantic buses, speed-happy taxicabs and drivers who appear to be paying more attention to their BlackBerrys than to the road ahead, the streets of Washington are an intimidating

place to saddle up. Come rush hour, it's even more daunting for two-wheelers.

For people who would rather curl up in their helmets than face intersections and potholes, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association periodically offers "Confident City Cycling," a free three-hour class designed to ease the fears of bike commuters. (There will be five more sessions this summer; see box for details.) "The idea,"

explained instructor Allen Muchnick at a recent class, "is to get them comfortable in traffic."

A bicycle is not a requirement for the course — just a pen or pencil — but many students arrive on bikes anyway. Cycling experience ranges from newbies like Maggie Lindsay (who bought her bike just days before the class and wanted to start out with as many tricks as possible) to her buddy Laura Walsh, who says, "I use my bike

for everything."

Muchnick begins with the basics, such as how to buy a properly fitted helmet (snug around the head with a finger's-worth of space between your chin and the strap). He demonstrates twice how to change a flat tire (once using tools and once with his bare hands). And he zooms around the classroom on his bike to demonstrate launching quickly from a standstill by maneuvering the pedal into the right position and stepping

down hard — an important skill, as he also advocates halting at every stop sign and red light.

Muchnick says that 83 percent of serious bike crashes don't involve automobiles but, rather, other bikes, dogs or simple falls. Still, avoiding car collisions is why everyone's here, and

BETTER BIKING

The next class is Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Kalorama Recreation Center. Sign up at waba.org, where you can find out about other bike courses, including a nine-hour version of the confident cycling class that actually practices on the road.

Muchnick has plenty of tips. He advises watching out for cars turning left in front of you and others coming out of driveways and intersections.

He also wants you to know that cyclists, by law, have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. Thus, they should act like it: He encourages students to take over their lanes, riding in the center instead of on the far right. This forces cars to change lanes to pass instead of squeezing by, and it helps cyclists avoid running into abruptly opened car doors.

Many timid riders are hesitant to employ this tactic for fear of being honked at, but taking a lane can be one of the most important moves a cyclist makes, Muchnick says. "In daylight in open areas, it's very, very rare for a motorist to hit you from behind," he says. "It's much more dangerous for them to pass you too close and clip you from the side."

And it's definitely better to be honked at than to be roadkill.

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WHAT IT IS: "Are you ready for some bagpipes?" Barbara Douglass asks before pumping up the volume on the CD player. Sign up for Scottish Highland dancing only if you're prepared to answer in the affirmative. The tunes provide a constant inspiration as the class learns technique and works toward mastering two classic

dances: the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance.

MOVES: Warm-ups focus on the feet — critical because the steps require quick, springy footwork. Toes jab out to the side, hit the front and back of the opposite leg's shin and spin you around. All the while, you need to pay attention to your hand positioning. Middle fingers touch thumbs to mimic a stag. "See the antlers," Douglass directs, pointing at the other digits, which should be lifted. Mastering every detail takes years, so vague approximations are close enough.

WORKOUT: Prancing like this will get you panting in no time. But there's



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Douglass, right, at the Old Town Sport & Health (209 Madison St.; 703-548-6822; sportandhealth.com). The six-week course is \$75 for members, \$100 for others.

so much to learn that students are memorizing steps much more than performing, which keeps sweat to a

minimum. (And Douglass is acutely aware of students' comfort, repeatedly checking in and offering modi-

fications.) Still, even a fraction of the jumping will let your calves know they've been working.

GARB: Students are welcome to don kilts — it may even help them figure out proper knee placement (you want to turn out your hip when kicking to the side or else you risk giving the audience a peek at what's under your tartan). But regular workout gear is just fine, too. On your feet, you have the option of sneakers, bare feet or, ideally, ghillies. Those are the soft leather shoes traditionally worn for Highland dancing.

CROWD: No one in the class boasts a Scottish brogue, not even Douglass (but she can fake it — her mom was raised in Edinburgh). And only one of the five students at the first session had ever even tried any of these steps before, and that was 45 years ago. "It's the kind of thing your parents make you do and you don't realize how much fun you're having," said Lannie Elderkin. But they seem to realize it now. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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Dissecting the Dessert

Twinkies ooze with sugary, creamy filling, but what else is inside?

Most people are content to simply eat their Twinkies, without dwelling on the scary stuff inside. You know — the chemicals and preservatives that make the cream filling so smooth and the cake so fluffy.

Steve Ettlinger, however, was curious about what he was ingesting. So, he set out to find out the origin of every ingredient that goes into a Twinkie — and most other processed foods. In his new book, "Twinkie, Deconstructed" (\$24, Hudson Street Press), he chronicles his quest.

Why is the Twinkie such a good example of a processed food?

I needed a window into this whole world of artificial ingredients. I thought I should find a well-known object that spans a range of ingredients fairly typical of all processed foods. A trip to the grocery store

told me you couldn't beat Twinkies. Everyone seems to know them.

You went everywhere the ingredients came from. How was that?

The mine in Wyoming [to learn about baking powder] was really amazing. They took me down 1,600 feet, as far as the tallest building in the world is high. And I saw elemental phosphorous being made. It's a liquid that bursts into flame when poured.

What surprised you most?

How many ingredients come from rock and petroleum. When you eat almost any baked good, you're probably eating ingredients from five different rocks. Some are common, like salt. Calcium sulfate is so pure they dig it up, grind it and put it in a bag. The colors and flavors rely on basic chemicals derived from crude oil or natural gas.

It seems a lot of the stuff is used



less for taste and more just to hold the product together.

Absolutely. Your basic ingredients are flour and sugar. There are sweeteners and fats derived from soy. Everything else replaces eggs and dairy. The absence of fresh eggs is what makes the biggest difference. That's what allows them to have a 25-day shelf life.

Why are all these weird substances so prevalent in our foods?

Partly because they're less expensive and easier to handle than natural counterparts like eggs, cream or butter. Secondly, they may lend themselves better to industrial production. Remember, they're making batters that have to flow through tubes or stand up to mixing in a 4,000-gallon kettle. And the holy grail of all packaged goods, besides making them for the least expense, is shelf life. These things, used in minute quantities, prolong that.

Do natural ingredients exist that could replace all the chemicals? Eggs and butter are really the big deal. Twinkies only have one preservative: sorbic acid, which is almost a food. It's a fatty acid cousin of olive oil made from natural gas. The only thing it affects is mold. I made a home version of a Twinkie once, and in about a week it was green. The moisture is largely preserved by sugar, oil and packaging. They dry out if not packaged.

Are these ingredients healthy, or could they do some harm?

I can't say. I'm not a nutritionist. For me, the answer is very simple: If you want to eat healthy, eat your fruits and vegetables. Twinkies are a treat. However, these ingredients are in all of our processed foods. Generally, you might want to wonder about that.

Will anyone who reads your book ever eat a Twinkie again?

You know, it's funny you ask that. I just saw some vegan bloggers talking about my book. They were going, "eww" and "ahhh" and so forth, and at least one person said, "All this talk about Twinkies is making me want one." I think my book's publication boosted Twinkie sales, but only temporarily. JESS MILCETICH (EXPRESS)

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